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Programme to give eggs, bananas to be extended

BENGALURU

The State government is planning to extend the programme of providing boiled eggs, bananas, and groundnut chikki to students in all government and aided schools across Karnataka. The State government started distributing eggs and bananas to schoolchildren in seven districts of Kalyana Karnataka from December 1, 2021.

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Bengaluru is key driver in GST back-end operations

BENGALURU

As the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime is set to complete five years in a few days, Bengaluru has contributed to its nationwide operation. The back-end operations for the crucial e-way bill and the e-invoice is driven from the city by a small team from NIC.

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Uddhav resigns after SC denies stay on floor test

Rebel MLAs leave Guwahati for Mumbai, via Goa

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI/DELHI

Uddhav Thackeray leaving the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai late on Wednesday after submitting his resignation • EMMANUAL YOGINI

Embattled Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced his resignation from the post on Wednesday, moments after the Supreme Court refused to stay Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari's direction to the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government to take a floor test in the Assembly on Thursday.

The rebel Sena MLAs who were stationed in Guwahati since June 22 were taken to Goa on Wednesday evening and from there, they were scheduled to be brought to Mumbai.

Prior to leaving, all the MLAs were taken to the Kamakhya temple. "We will be in Mumbai on Thursday to vote in the floor test," rebel leader Eknath Shinde said.

In a virtual address to the public, Mr. Thackeray said, "I am not the one who will stick to power. From today [Wednesday] morning, my workers are being sent notices by police. Central forces are here. Army might be called. Those who should have been at China borders will be here. I don't want to see blood of my workers spilling on the roads of Mumbai. Today, I resign from the post of Chief Minister."

He said he was quitting as a Member of the Legislative Council and would now only concentrate on party work. "I never said I will return. I never wanted to be here at this place, but I came. From now on, I will be fully with you," he told Sena workers.

Setback in SC

In a setback to his faction, the Supreme Court had refused to stay the floor test. "We are not staying the floor test," a Vacation Bench of Justices Surya Kant and J.B. Pardiwala briefly informed the warring Shiv Sena factions after taking half-an-hour recess to deliberate in their chambers following a marathon hearing which spanned four hours, starting at 5 p.m.

The court, however said it would hear on merit the writ petition filed by Thackeray loyalist Sunil Prabhu challenging the process leading to the call for floor test on July 11 along with petitions filed by Sena dissidents led by Eknath Shinde, who has questioned the disqualification proceedings initiated against them. "Tomorrow's proceedings (floor test) will be subject to the final outcome of these petitions in court," the Bench addressed the lawyers.

The court had urgently heard the challenge to the floor test amid the frenzy of political churnings in Maharashtra. "The urgency that has been created requires us to hear the matter today itself," Justice Kant submitted.

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Govt. hikes GST for household items

Council hikes tax on over two dozen goods and services from July 18

VIKAS DHOOT
CHANDIGARH

From July 18, tax hikes will kick in for over two dozen goods and services, ranging from unbranded food items, curd and buttermilk to low-cost hotels, cheques and maps, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council decided after a two-day meet that concluded on Wednesday.

Tax rates will be lowered for about half-a-dozen goods and services, including ropeways and truck rentals where fuel costs are included, and scrapped for items imported by private vendors for use by defence forces.

At the meeting, over a dozen States wanted the GST compensation to continue for some more time.

The upward changes in GST levies include tweaks for 17 goods and services, to correct anomalies that had crept in from inverted duty structures where tax rates on inputs were higher than the final product.

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Tax tweaks | Revised tax rates for some goods and services announced by the GST Council after a two-day meet that concluded on Wednesday

Goods and services	From	To
Knives, spoons, forks and ladles	12%	18%
LED lamps and lights	12%	18%
Water pumps, deep tube-well turbine pumps, submersible pumps	12%	18%
Solar water heater and system	5%	12%
Dairy machinery	12%	18%
Work contract for roads, railways, metro, monuments, canals, dams, educational institutions and hospitals	12%	18%
Ostomy appliances	12%	5%
Orthopaedic appliance for splints and fractures, and intraocular lens	12%	5%

Initial probe finds Pakistan link in Udaipur murder case

NIA takes over investigation, 3 more detained

DEVESH K. PANDEY
UDAIPUR

Shocking turn: The body of Kanhaiya Lal being taken for cremation in Udaipur on Wednesday. • V.V. KRISHNAN

As initial investigations into the Udaipur tailor's murder pointed to a Pakistan link, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) took over the case on Wednesday.

The victim, Kanhaiya Lal Teli, was hacked to death on Tuesday over his alleged online post supporting former BJP leader Nupur Sharma, who had made offensive remarks against the Prophet.

The two prime accused – Mohammed Riyaz Attari of Bhilwara and Ghous Mohammed of Udaipur – were arrested the same day. The police said Ghous visited Pakistan in 2014-15 and was in touch with some persons from Karachi over phone.

While three more persons have been detained, probe is also on to determine if the key accused were affiliated to the Pakistan-based outfit Dawat-e-Islami.

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KIA crosses 250 million passenger mark

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has achieved 250 million passenger mark since the launch of its services 14 years ago.

In a press release, Bangalore International Airport Ltd., the operator of KIA, stated that 50 million passengers had travelled from Bengaluru airport in a span of three years despite the pandemic and subsequent slowdown.

The international airport has been operational since 2008 and the 50 million passenger milestone was achieved in 2012.

All set

Pilgrims arrive ahead of the annual Amarnath Yatra at Baltal, 125 km east of Srinagar, on Wednesday. • NISSAR AHMAD (REPORT ON PAGE 14)

Nirbhaya Fund: 7,000 cameras to be installed

NAGESH PRABHU
BENGALURU

3,000 cameras will be installed in sensitive locations, and thickly populated junctions.
ARAGA JNANENDRA
Home Minister

In an attempt to make Bengaluru safe for women, the Karnataka government has decided to spend ₹498 crore for various projects under the Nirbhaya Fund in the next one to two years.

Under the "safe city project" for women, a total of 7,000 state-of-the art cameras would be installed in 3,000 sensitive locations, and thickly populated junctions on the peripheral areas of the city, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra told *The Hindu* on Wednesday.

Under the scheme, the Centre contributes 60% of the funding while 40% is borne by the State Home Department. The scheme would be implemented in two phases and the police authorities would identify sensitive areas for installation of cameras for day/night surveillance, and automated number plate recognition.

Honeywell Automation India Limited bagged the project in the tendering process and initiated the implementation of the project with the support of senior police officials.

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Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Karnataka
Forest Department

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Students excited to play, but skills have declined after two years of little physical activity

Schools letting children play the sports they want before beginning training

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

With no regular practice and no specific instructions, although children are eager to play, their strength and stamina have taken a hit, some schools have noted. • FILE PHOTO

Students who have come back to school after spending most of their time indoors for the better part of the last two years are excited to get on the ground and play.

However, from students who have come to school for the first time to teenagers in high school, many schools are observing a dip in sports skills among students.

The schools are taking the approach of letting children play the sports they want for quite some time before beginning the task of training them for competitions.

"Children definitely want to play or even merely jump and run around a playground. Our physical training teachers are slowly teaching them the basic skills involved in games. They are starting off with warm-up and other small activities before venturing into games. Due to rain in the first week of school, we could not let children play too much. But now, they are all happy to be on the ground," said Selvaraj, principal, ACTS Secondary School. With no regular practice and no specific instructions, although children are eager to play, their strength and stamina have taken a hit, schools have noted. Some schools believe that it is necessary to start by restoring their strength and stamina. "We have focused merely on getting them to strengthen their core so that other movements come easily. This whole month (June), we taught them 21 different asanas in yoga to strengthen the core and other muscle groups. We are going to use this to launch them into other sports, endurance training, and fitness," explained Shashank N.N., Head of Department, Sports, Narayana Group of Institutions.

When it comes to the disciplinary aspects of physical education, students are yet to catch up with the levels seen before the pandemic. Schools have observed that students look dull or bored during assembly sessions, mass PT drills, and body movements.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Marine exports increase

30 In percentage, the increase in exports of marine products from India to $7.76 billion during 2021-22 as against the $5.96 billion in the previous fiscal year, according to the Commerce Ministry. India shipped 13,69,264 MT (metric tonne) of seafood worth ₹57,586.48 crore during 2021-22. Frozen shrimp remained the major export item in terms of quantity and value. Its shipments stood at $5.82 billion last fiscal year. The segment accounts for 75.11 per cent of the total dollar earnings. The U.S. is the largest market for frozen shrimp. PTI

Lokpal complaints

5,680 The number of complaints received by the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal during 2021-22, of which over 5,100 are yet to be registered, according to a reply by Lokpal to an RTI query filed by a PTI journalist. Of the total complaints received in the last fiscal, 169 were in the format issued by the Centre and 5,511 were under non-format category, it said. In March 2020, the government issued a format for filing corruption complaints against public servants with the Lokpal. PTI

Illegal immigrants

80 The number of illegal immigrants from Myanmar who were apprehended from Manipur's Churachandpur district on Tuesday, according to the Manipur police. These illegal immigrants, who did not have any valid documents, were living in rented accommodations in Ngathal village and Vaal Veng of the district, the police informed. They added that among those apprehended 25 were men, 35 women and 20 children. A case has been registered against them. The adults will be produced before the court for remand. PTI

Monkeypox cases

4,100 The number of monkeypox cases confirmed globally, according to media organisation *The Conversation*. The World Health Organization (WHO) has decided not to declare monkeypox a public health emergency of international concern though this may change in the future. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said he was "deeply concerned" about the evolving threat of monkeypox, which he said had reached more than 50 countries. PTI

Retail sales

3.25 In $ billion, the retail sales reported by the Indian direct selling industry in 2021, maintaining India's 12th place in the global rankings, according to a report released by Washington-based World Federation of Direct Selling Associations (WFDSA). The Indian direct selling industry reported a growth of 7.7% in 2021 and had a Compound Annual Growth Rate of 15.7% in the last three years, grabbing the sixth position in the Asia Pacific region, the report added. The U.S. grabbed the first rank. PTI

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EXPLAINER

How Turkey made peace with Sweden and Finland joining NATO

Why was Ankara initially against Helsinki and Stockholm joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization? What changed?

PADMASHREE ANANDAN

THE GIST

- On June 28, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg announced the signing of a MoU between Turkey, Finland and Sweden which has led to Turkey vocalising its support for the inclusion of both the nations in NATO.
- Turkey was initially against Finland and Sweden joining NATO. Though there were no direct issues between Turkey with Sweden and Finland, the former was against the latter for their position on the Kurdish issue.
- On June 28, Deputy Secretary of the Russian Security Council Dmitry Medvedev cautioned Finland and Sweden on continuing with their decision to join NATO. He referred to the relations with these countries as being respectful and mutually friendly.

The story so far: On June 28, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Turkey, Finland and Sweden in a trilateral meeting held in Madrid, Spain. The MoU was signed once the Finland President Niinistö and Sweden Prime Minister Andersson agreed to address the national security concerns of Turkey. Following this assurance, President Erdoğan agreed to support Finland and Sweden in their bid to join NATO.

What does the MoU say?

The key provisions of the MoU include the following three points: a joint commitment between Turkey, Finland, and Sweden to counter terrorism; addressing the pending extradition of terror suspects through a bilateral legal framework, and investigating and interdicting "any financing and recruitment activities of the PKK and all other terrorist organisations."

If Sweden and Finland join NATO, it means an enlarged presence of the latter around the west and north of Russia

Besides the above, Finland and Sweden assured that "their respective national regulatory frameworks for arms exports enable new commitments to Allies". Both countries also promised to stand against disinformation and to fully commit to EU's CSDP (Common Security and Defence Policy) and Turkey's participation in the PESCO (Permanent Structured Co-operation) Project on Military Mobility.

Why did Turkey withdraw its opposition?

Turkey was initially against Finland and Sweden joining NATO. Though there were no direct bilateral issues between Turkey with Sweden and Finland, the former was against the latter for their position on the Kurdish issue and extradition of activists.

Turkey, after negotiations, agreed to withdraw its opposition for the following reasons. First, Finland and Sweden should promise to address counter-terrorism provisions within their countries. Finland has committed to modify its criminal code, and Sweden has assured to implement the new "Terrorist Offenses Act" from July 1.

Second, Turkey had raised concerns about Finland and Sweden being home to Kurdish activists and militant organisations. Finland and Sweden have now agreed to execute the pending "deportations or extraditions" of listed 'terror' suspects made by Turkey. Third, lifting the arms embargo. There has been no clear definition about the category of weapons, but Finland and Sweden will remove the arms embargo against Turkey. Since Finland and Sweden have addressed all the above primary concerns of Turkey, Ankara has decided to withdraw its opposition to Helsinki and Stockholm.

Why have Finland and Sweden agreed to address the concerns raised by Turkey?

Finland and Sweden have considered Mr. Erdogan as an authoritarian ruler against democratic norms and rights. The earlier positions of both countries on Turkey were based more on their principles relating to democracy, 'separatism', the rule of law etc. Their support to Kurdish activists from Turkey was based on their larger principles than any specific bilateral problem with Turkey.

Both Helsinki and Stockholm have agreed to revisit their position on Turkey, primarily due to the threat from Kremlin. The security threat from Russia looms large in the national capitals of Finland and Sweden today as Russia's military aggression on Ukraine continues. The fear of their own national security has pushed both nations to join NATO which in turn has made them agree to Turkey's conditions.

What does this mean for Russia?

Russia shares a 1,340 kilometre long border with Finland. Sweden, though it does not share a land border, shares the Baltic Sea with Russia. The land/sea borders with Russia place both countries under direct threat from the Kremlin.

On June 28, Deputy Secretary of the Russian Security Council Dmitry Medvedev cautioned Finland and Sweden on continuing with their decision to join NATO. He referred to the relations with these countries as being respectful and mutually friendly. He underlined that there are no territorial disputes with these two countries; hence they should not worry about any security threat from Russia.

Since 1948, Finland, Sweden and Russia have maintained economic cooperation, but the relations always remained strained due to the Cold War and Finland's neutrality

principle. If Sweden and Finland join NATO, it means an enlarged presence of the latter around the west and north of Russia. This would go against the very objective of Moscow interfering in Ukraine – maintaining Russian influence in its immediate neighbourhood. Also, whether the two countries joining NATO will undermine Russia's interests in the Arctic remains to be seen. Both Sweden and Finland are part of the Arctic States; Russia currently holds the Arctic Council chair and will remain the chair until 2023.

For Russia, Finland and Sweden joining NATO not only means an increased NATO presence in its neighbourhood but also questions its Arctic interests.

What does this mean for NATO?

First, strengthening the alliance. Both Finland and Sweden which have followed the non-alignment principle have broken from their natural rule and decided to join NATO. This does not only mean guarantee of security against Russia but it also gives NATO the power to engage.

Second, NATO will gain strategic ground to counter Russia. The addition of more allies means a steady expansion of the NATO towards the East, through which it will now be able to exercise its military operations both on land and in the Baltic Sea, where Russia holds a strategic position. NATO will now also be able to position its weapon systems – further its combat formation and plan its attack techniques to power up deterrence and defence.

In 1997, NATO initiated the rapprochement in order to build bridges with Russia. However, with Russia annexing the Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and launching a war in Ukraine, NATO's rapprochement efforts came to an end. So currently, this might seem an impossible act for both parties. However, with NATO encircling Russia from the West, Russia might consider the option to meet at the table at a later stage.

Third, a secured Euro-Atlantic. NATO presence in the region will securitise and safeguard the Baltic states, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, which were earlier at risk due to their close proximity to Russia and Russian attacks. This will not only help Ukraine win the war but will also enable NATO to bring in advanced weapons such as fifth-generation aircraft, technological weapon systems and strong political institutions across the allied countries.

A new beginning: From the left Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto, Turkish foreign minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Finland's President Sauli Niinisto, Sweden's Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson and Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde after signing a memorandum during a NATO summit in Madrid, Spain on June 28. • AFP

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THE DAILY QUIZ

The Tunguska Event, the largest impact event on Earth in human recorded history, occurred on this date in 1908. A quiz on natural activities, disasters, and extra-terrestrial bodies

1 One of the major reasons for the extinction of dinosaurs about 66 million years ago was a devastating asteroid impact. Where in modern-day Mexico did this happen?

2 What is the main difference between a meteor and a meteorite?

3 Name the two major Italian towns, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, that were destroyed when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D.

4 What does the Fujita scale or Fujita-Pearson scale (FPP scale) measure?

5 Haumea, Makemake, and Eris are examples of which type of heavenly bodies?

6 If an epicenter is a point directly above an earthquake on the surface of the Earth, what is the term for the point within the earth where the rupture starts?

7 Of which commonly seen phenomena, which can be deadly at times, are Intracloud, Ground-to-Cloud, Cloud-to-Cloud types of?

◄ Name this water body in Maharashtra that was created by the impact of a meteorite collision during the Pleistocene Epoch. • FILE PHOTO

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The Greek playwrights who wrote *Antigone*, *The Oresteia trilogy*, and *The Trojan Women*, among others. **Ans: Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides**
2. The play which won the 1949 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. **Ans: *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller**
3. The books which inspired *Hayavadana* and the language in which it was originally written. **Ans: *Kathasaritsagara and The Transposed Heads*; Kannada**
4. One of the characters in Doctor Faustus whose name was absorbed into Christianity as a name for the devil. **Ans: Lucifer**
5. The three Indian films directed by the same individual adapted from William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *Othello*, and *Hamlet*. **Ans: *Maqbool, Omkara, Haider***
6. The National Theatre of Ireland. **Ans: Abbey Theatre**
7. *West Side Story* by Jerome Robbins is this type of play. **Ans: Musical**
Visual: This man was murdered while performing a street play in 1989. **Ans: Safdar Hashmi, *Halla Bol***

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Decongestion steps for three junctions

BBMP proposes measures to address traffic gridlocks at Hebbal, Goraguntepalya, and Tin Factory

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BENGALURU

Moving forward with the plan to decongest traffic bottlenecks in key junctions, civic agencies have come up with measures for gridlocks at Goraguntepalya, Hebbal and Tin Factory. After an overnight inspection of major traffic bottlenecks by officials from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), city police, and others on Tuesday night, the BBMP has come out with short-term and long-term measures to ease the traffic flow in these areas.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP administrator Rakesh Singh, and other officials inspecting traffic management at 10 junctions in Bengaluru on Tuesday night; (below) heavy traffic on Ballari road. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After inspecting Goraguntepalya junction on Tumakuru Road, the BBMP has proposed to take up short-term projects such as repairing the road which is in bad shape, building a Foot over Bridge (FoB) for pedestrians, and construction of toilets. The stretch has had traffic gridlock for years, as vehicles coming from Yeshwantpur and moving towards Nelamangala, and those coming from Hebbal and Nayandahalli (ORR) meet at the point.

Tumakuru Road connects Bengaluru with more than 20 districts. Earlier, the State government had entrusted the Karnataka Road Development Corporation Ltd. (KRDCL) to develop the stretch, but it failed to take up the works. Later, a decision was taken that BBMP will carry out the work.

BBMP Chief Commissioner BBMP Tushar Giri Nath told media persons after the inspection that the civic body will carry out asphalting of the road by following milling method. He said that milling machines will be deployed in the coming days for repair works.

Administrator of the BBMP and Additional Chief Secretary of Urban Development Department (UDD) Rakesh Singh said that there is a need to terminate bus services of the KSRTC and other private operators at Peenya bus stand to decongest the road. "There is a need to prohibit the entry of buses operated on long distance routes. The KSRTC has been asked to study the feasibility of terminating the bus services at Peenya Bus Stand," he said.

This is not the first time that prohibiting entry of buses has been proposed; though discussions were held in the past, on ground, no measures have been taken.

Another major reason for traffic snarls at Goraguntepalya is banning heavy vehicles from using the Peenya Flyover. Due to safety issues, the NHAI had banned entry of heavy vehicles for over six months. The NHAI has been asked to allow at least buses to use the flyover. The BBMP is also contemplating developing alternate roads that help motorists coming from Nayandahalli side to reach Tumakuru Road.

The officials said that BDA will come out with a comprehensive project to decongest the Goraguntepalya stretch in the nex the board meeting.

Officials also inspected the Hebbal junction used by motorists to reach Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) as well as the western and eastern sides of the Outer Ring Road. After the inspection, the civic agencies have asked the NHAI to widen the roads and provide bus bays opposite Esteem Mall to avoid buses blocking the flow of the traffic. The BBMP is also contemplating to develop the road located next to Aster Hospital so that it benefits motorists coming from Hebbal to reach Sahakarnagar without going to Kodigehalli gate. The BBMP will hold discussion with defence authorities in this regard.

There is a proposal to build a median on the road streamlining flow of the traffic coming from the expressway and reaching the ramps of the Hebbal flyover. Other measures proposed include providing parking space for buses that are operated from Hebbal towards K.R. Puram, installation of signages for the benefit of passengers, building zebra crossing, putting street lights and others. The State government has already made proposals to construct additional loops for the existing Hebbal flyover and widening the road service road.

Meanwhile, at Tin Factory, the BMRCL has expedited construction of bus bays. In the absence of bus bays on either side of Tin Factory, drivers stop buses in the middle of the road for passengers to board. The State government had asked BMRCL, which is building two lines of Namma Metro near the area, to widen the roads and build bus bays. Development of footpaths, installation of street lights, signage boards, and others are on the cards.

The way ahead

Goraguntepalya

SHORT-TERM MEASURES

- Repairing road which is in bad shape
- Construction of a foot-over-bridge
- Building toilets
- Building pedestrian pathways
- Installation of street lights
- Allowing heavy vehicles to use Peenya flyover
- Terminating KSRTC and private buses at Peenya bus terminal of KSRTC

LONG-TERM MEASURES

- BDA will come out with a comprehensive plan to decongest Goraguntepalya

Hebbal

SHORT-TERM MEASURES

- Zebra crossing
- Bus bay for BMTC buses
- Installation of signage boards
- Street lights
- Building pedestrian paths
- Pruning branches of trees
- Median on the road to streamline traffic flow

LONG-TERM MEASURES

- Construction of a subway under existing railway track
- Widening of service road from ORR towards expressway
- Building additional loops for existing Hebbal flyover

Tin Factory

SHORT-TERM MEASURES

- Construction of public toilets
- Installation of street lights
- Pedestrian paths
- Measures to restrict parking of buses on main roads
- Signages

LONG-TERM MEASURES

- Bus terminal near railway bridge

HC rejects Guatemalan woman's plea for bail

Court directs speeding up of trial

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to enlarge on bail a 35-year-old Guatemalan woman, Herrera Valenzuela De Lopez Silvia Gudalupe, who was arrested at the Kempegowda International Airport in the city for smuggling psychotropic drugs by hiding them in her body.

DRUG SMUGGLING CASE

However, the High Court directed the trial court to complete the trial within a period of one year as the trial could not commence, despite filing of charge sheet, for want of a Spanish language translator as the accused understands only Spanish.

Justice H.P. Sandesh passed the order while rejecting the petition filed by her seeking release on bail on the ground that she has been in prison since her arrest in March, 2020, and the trial is yet to commence.

It is the duty cast upon the prosecution to make arrangement to appoint a translator who is well versed in Spanish language to assist the trial court to frame the charge and to proceed in the matter, the court said.

The Customs Intelligence Unit had intercepted her on a tip off and on checking it was found that she had swallowed some capsules containing cocaine and kept some of the capsules near her private parts. She had also carried cocaine in powder form in a tube hidden in rectum. A total quantity of 1.3 kg of cocaine worth ₹1.83 crore was seized from her.

Bengaluru set to add 46 new unicorns: Hurun India

They come with valuation of $18.4 billion

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bengaluru, the startup capital of India and the world's third largest startup ecosystem after the U.S and China, is likely to witness the emergence of 46 new unicorns in the next two to four years, as per predictions made by Hurun Research Institute on Wednesday.

Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022 said 122 new unicorns would come up in the country in the next two to four years and Bengaluru alone would add 46 of these soonicorns to its existing tally of 33.

The pack of 46 soon to be unicorns that comes with a cumulative valuation of $18.4 billion would be led by city-based Ninjacart, a fresh produce supply chain firm, according to the report.

The long list of city's soonicorns also include startup Juspay that got noticed with a Softbank-led $60 million fundraising round. Founded by Vimal and Ramanathan, the fintech currently supports BHIM App, an Indian mobile payment app developed by the National Payments Corporation of India, based on the Unified Payments Interface. The firm has been building foundational infrastructure by unifying and enhancing hundreds of diverse payments options.

Two sisters stripped for failing to repay loan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The Sarjapur police arrested a man and his son for allegedly stripping and assaulting two sisters in Neriga village on Sunday to recover loan amount.

Shanthi Priya and Bhanu Priya were admitted to the hospital and later filed a complaint, based on which the accused have been arrested.

In her complaint, Shanthi Priya said they had borrowed from the accused Ramakrishna for the education of their children. Due to financial problems, the duo failed to repay and they assured Ramakrishna and his son Sunil Kumar, before the elders of the village, that they would sell their land.

On Sunday, the accused came home and started demanding money, accusing the sisters for not arranging the sale of land. Heated arguments ensued and in the melee, Ramakrishna and Sunil allegedly stripped and assaulted the sisters while the villagers looked on, the police said. The accused threatened the sisters with dire consequences if they complained to the police.

Ramakrishna and Sunil have been booked under stalking and criminal intimidation and remanded to judicial custody. Inquiries by the police revealed that the sisters, over the last one year, borrowed personal loans worth ₹90 lakh from 11 people, including senior citizens, promising to give higher interest rates. The sisters had promised everyone that they would sell the ancestral property, but started avoiding them, the police said.

Traffic police on the lookout for two high-end cars

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The traffic police are on the lookout for two high-end cars, a Toyota and a BMW, which are plying in the city with fake registration number plates.

The incident came to light when a senior police officer on Tuesday noticed the car zoom passed him in a rash and negligent manner. The officer chased the car and managed to take the picture and send it to the TMC seeking necessary action.

The officer approached the owner of the car through the registration number and found that he owned an Omni and not the BMW. Joint Commissioner of Police B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda issued directions to the traffic policemen on the ground to look for the two cars, which, according to him, could be a stolen vehicle or involved in some offence.

New findings on shear thickening fluids at Raman Research Institute

It can help develop smart shock absorbers, says research

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

New findings on shear thickening fluids (STFs) at Raman Research Institute (RRI) are touted to have implications for applications ranging from the automobile industry to space technology.

According to a release, a class of dense particulate suspensions, known as STFs, transform under stress from a liquid-like state to a solid-like shear jammed (SJ) state. This has led to their use in the design of smart shock absorbers and liquid-based flexible body-armours.

"STFs have gained attention for their potential use in the material design and development of smart or self-adjusting shock absorbers with flexible mechanical impact-resistant systems in the automobile industry, stabilising lithium-ion batteries, space technology, and the development of protective fabrics by improving the resistance of textile materials against ballistic impact and penetration," the release added.

First study

Sayantan Majumdar, an Associate Professor in the soft condensed matter research theme at RRI - an autonomous institution funded by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, and his PhD student Sachidananda Barik, have produced the first study that experimentally correlates the microscopic particle-scale dynamics with the bulk relaxation of these materials, the release said.

"Such insight can enable STFs to be tuned to have the precise response required for specific applications. There have been detailed studies of dense particulate suspensions that show a stress induced transformation from a liquid-like state to a solid-like shear jammed state. Despite these detailed studies, the role of microscopic particle scale dynamics in controlling the bulk relaxation of SJ state had not been understood," the release explained, adding that the study at RRI directly correlates localised failure or plasticity and large-scale particle rearrangement in the system with the time scales associated with the bulk relaxation dynamics.

This study has clearly identified two distinct transient stress relaxation regimes in SJ dense suspensions: a fast relaxation originating from the dynamics of localised plasticity and a much slower one resulting from large-scale, system spanning particle rearrangement.

It underscores the importance of local plasticity in controlling the mechanical behaviour of SJ systems, particularly, under high stress condition, the release said.

8 stolen bikes recovered, man held

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Rajajinagar police arrested a 22-year-old supervisor with an online marketing company and recovered eight bikes worth ₹11.5 lakh, which he had stolen from in and around the city .

The accused, Sagar, a native of Chickballapura and resident of Kodigehalli, was arrested on a complaint from a motorist on March 15. The police analysed few CCTV footages to track him down. Probe revealed that Sagar is a habitual offender and was arrested by the Shidlaghatta police in a bike theft case in 2020. Out on bail, he joined an online firm in the city as supervisor and rented a house in Kodigehalli. He continued stealing bikes parked in front of houses and used them for joy rides. After using the bikes for a few days, he would park them in isolated places and steal the next one, the police said.

Elderly woman assaulted, robbed by security guard

He took away valuables worth ₹10 lakh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Jeevan Bhima Nagar police are on the lookout for a gang of four, including a security guard, his wife, and two of their associates, who allegedly robbed an elderly woman of the house where he was working and made away with valuables worth over ₹10 lakh on Wednesday.

The victim, Manjula, aged around 60, was alone at home after her husband, son, and daughter-in-law went out.

It was around 2.30 p.m. when the accused Pratap, who had joined as a security guard, along with his wife Sangeetha and two others, overpowered Manjula, gagged her and tied hands and legs and threatened her at knife point . The accused assaulted her when Manjula tried to resist and ransacked the house and escaped with the valuables.

The incident came to light when the family members returned home and alerted the police. The JB Nagar police conducted detailed investigation. The accused couple joined work a few days ago, the police said. While Pratap worked as a security guard, his wife Sangeetha used to work in the house. It was a planned robbery and the couple had recced the house and watched the movements of the family members before attacking, the police added.

The family did not get any background checks of the accused, nor any IDs from them before hiring. The house did not even have CCTV cameras, a senior police officer said. The victim Manjula was exhausted and under shock due to the attack, but out of danger, the officer added.

Three special teams have been formed to track down the accused and the police have detained a person who had introduced the accused to the victim's family for questioning, a senior police officer said.

FROM PAGE ONE

Students excited to play, but skills have declined

Mr. Shashank said, "With any activity, you have to engage them. It is just a question of motivating them and providing the right frame rather than saying they are bored."

While the younger students are all for playing, the older ones, especially adolescent girls, struggled to get on the playground in the first few days, schools noted. With the changes brought about by puberty and some weight gain because of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, adolescents were not comfortable running and playing with their classmates. Those who had come to school for the first time displayed signs of separation anxiety when they were left in the play zone.

"For the first few weeks, the first-graders were scared and wanted someone older to be present in the room while they played. They wanted to stay close to their teachers. They are slowly getting used to it," said Gayatri Vijendra, principal, Podar International School, Magadi Road. She added that while children continue to be good at individual games, like chess, many have forgotten the rules when it comes to team sports, such as cricket and football.

Nirbhaya Fund: 7,000 cameras to be installed

Besides sensitive areas, the Home Minister said cameras would be installed at interjections, bus terminals, industrial hubs, business and market locations, congested areas and thickly populated locations, and tourist places in the city. A command and control centre would be installed at the City Police Commissioner's office for monitoring cameras round the clock.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau, a total of 13,514 crimes against women were registered in 2018, 13,828 in 2019 and 12,680 in 2020, under both IPC and Special & Local Laws in Karnataka.

IAF martyrs to be honoured

The officers were alumni of St. Joseph's Boys' High School

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Two Indian Air Force (IAF) officers who laid down their lives for the country – Flt. Lt. Babul Guha and Flt. Lt. Krishna Kumar Mohan – will be honoured by St. Joseph's Boys' High School and the Old Boys Association (OBA) on Friday.

The men, who were martyred in 1965 and 1971, were also the alumni of the school and their names will be unveiled on the War Memorial in the school on which the names of other war heroes have been engraved. This will be followed by a wreath laying ceremony.

Flt. Lt. Krishna Kumar Mohan and Flt. Lt. Babul Guha.

"The school and the OBA have always held the sacrifices made by its alumni serving in the Armed Forces in high regard. A War Memorial Service and wreath laying ceremony are held traditionally each year on the occasion of the OBA Day that falls on the first Sunday of September. Currently, there are around 15 old boys serving in our Armed Forces, continuing over a century long proud tradition," a release said.

Trained in the 68th Pilot's Course, Flt. Lt. Guha was attached to No. 1 Squadron, based at Adampur, flying the Mystere IV fighter aircraft during the time of 1965 Pakistan hostilities. After completing his bombing attack on the ammunition dump in Pakistan's Sargodha airbase, he was shot by a Sidewinder missile from an F-86 Sabre.

Flt. Lt. Mohan trained as a fighter pilot with the 89/90 Pilot's Course and was also stationed at Adampur airbase with the 26 squadron when war broke out in December 1971. In an air battle during the war, his Sukhoi was believed to be hit by an enemy missile before crashing into the other side's territory.

The ceremony on Friday will be attended by Justice Arindam Sinha, High Court of Odisha, and Air Marshal Manavendra Singh, PVSM AVSM VrC VSM ADC, Air Officer Commanding in Chief, Headquarter Training Command, amongst others.

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Solving problems through the internet of things

In this day and age, one is so connected to machines that most of our day-to-day chores are automated. These enhanced capabilities have an overall positive effect as they give us more freedom and opportunity to multitask and be productive while making good decisions. All you need to do is "THINK". Think of an idea for a problem you want to solve and most of your daily problems can easily be automated and solved. But how do you think of a creative idea? How do you know that the solution will work for you? An article by **Jaydeep Chakrabarty**

In this article, we will go through some ideas on how to start thinking about solutions to everyday problems. The article will help you with some code snippets to get you started, but at the end, it is you who will bring the idea to life. Before we start, let us take a look at the different stages of innovation. It is important to know what we are trying to achieve and where to stop if we want our solution to materialise.

Picture 1: Idea to implementation

THE BIRTH OF AN IDEA

Ideas are created from problems. To make a difference in the world, we need to be able to see the pain points and find a way to solve them. So, do you have a problem that you want to solve now? If not, for the sake of explanation, let us take a common household problem as an example.

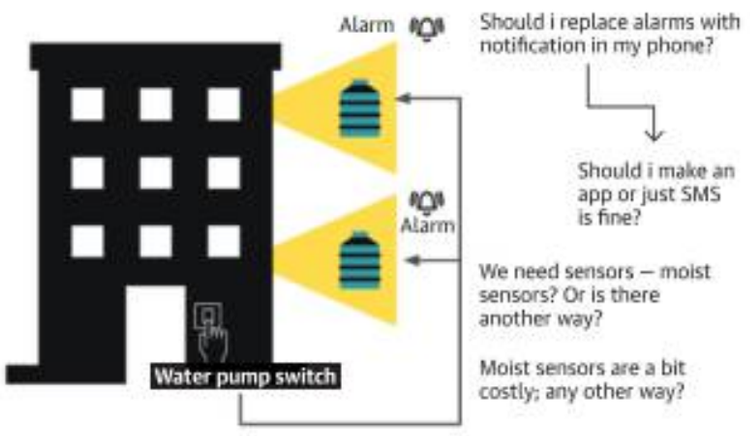
There are two water tanks on two floors of a building. The same water pump fills the water in these two tanks. Most of the time there is a delay between checking the optimum water level in the tanks at the two floors and then switching off the water pump, because of which there is either water overflowing or tanks not filling completely.

So, how can we solve this problem? Can we think of some mechanism where there is an alarm or notification that one can receive so that the pump can be switched off in time? This will ensure that the tanks are full and no water is getting wasted. Let's start with this idea and visualise it.

VISUALISING YOUR IDEA

To make an idea stick, we need to be able to communicate it in a way that is memorable and understandable. Visualising your ideas can help you do just that. The more you visualise the idea, the more you figure out pointers that might help you in developing the solution. Visualising your ideas can be done through many different mediums such as images, videos, or infographics. These will allow you to break down complicated concepts into smaller pieces so that they are easier to understand.

So, let's try to visualise our above idea for the water pump problem. To start visualising your idea, ask yourself different questions, like "Should I buy an alarm or can an SMS be good enough?", "How much money do I have to create this solution?" etc. You can also think about what the solution may look like.


Alarm
Should i replace alarms with notification in my phone?
Should i make an app or just SMS is fine?
We need sensors — moist sensors? Or is there another way?
Moist sensors are a bit costly; any other way?
Alarm
Water pump switch

Picture 2: Visualisation

EXTENDING THE IDEA

Before you start developing the solution, there is just one more step. It is important to figure out the possibilities of extending an idea. Can the idea evolve to solve a bigger problem? If yes, then you have to make your code scalable as well. You don't necessarily have to solve the extended possibilities right away but while solutionising, keep the door open to scale later. For instance, if you go shopping and you are sure that you are only going to buy three products, you select a shopping bag which can hold just the three pre-determined products. But you could also choose a bigger bag, just in case you find something useful that is not planned.

A lot of people are scared that if they extend an idea, it will get too complicated and that they will lose the original idea. However, this is not true. If you take the time to think about the problem and break it down into smaller parts, you can definitely find a solution to a bigger problem.

For the above example, if we start thinking at a larger scale many possibilities arise; Do we really need to switch off the water pump ourselves? We can maybe extend the solution to automatically switch off the water pump, when the water reaches optimum level. We could also create a mobile app to stop the water pump from anywhere in the world.

Now that we are aware of some of the ways in which the idea can be extended to make our life even better, let's start by creating a solution for our initial problem.

SOLUTIONISE

Let's start with the solution now. We might think that to start, we need to directly go and tinker with the water pump and the water tank. Well the good news is that you don't have to. We can start creating the solution directly from our desks.

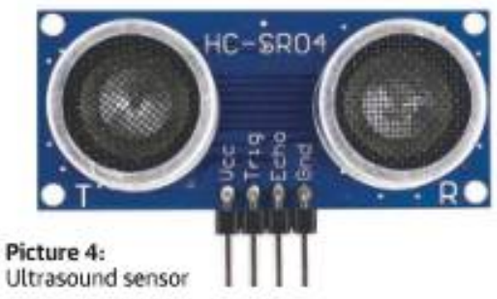
When we try to create a software program to solve big problems, we use a concept called Stubbed Data. This means using a fake/simple set of actual data that you can feed to your programme to check if is is working fine and to make necessary changes based on the feedback you receive. After this, you just replace the fake data with the actual data to check how it works in the real system. So, for the above problem, we can use a glass of water to try out our programme.

To start building our program, we need a few things.

1. A microcontroller — One of the most commonly used microcontrollers is Arduino. There are various types of Arduinos available in the market. A commonly used Arduino is called Arduino Uno. Uno can solve our current problem. But remember, we also thought about extending the idea. So now we know that at some point of time, we would need some set of data exchanges between a microcontroller and a mobile application. It's not impossible to do that with Uno, but you need to purchase separate modules for Bluetooth or WiFi connections. (Wifi is needed because at some point we will be controlling the system from anywhere in the world). So keeping the extended idea in mind, we will start with a different type of microcontroller called ESP32. This one comes with a WiFi module installed and costs the same as an Arduino Uno.

Picture 3: Arduino Uno vs Esp32

2. A sensor — We can use a moisture sensor but they tend to be on the expensive side. So for this problem we will try the approach of using sound reflection. For that we will use a HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Sensor.



Picture 4: Ultrasound sensor

3. Some jumper wires — Get a few male to female and female to female jumper wires.

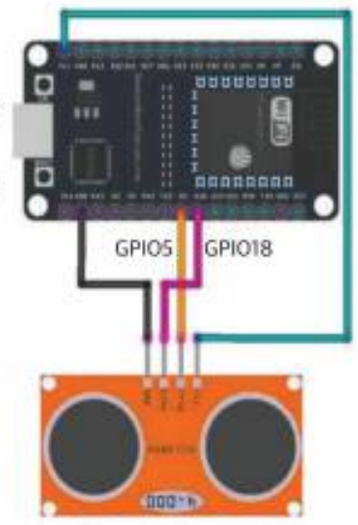
We are going to code three things after we connect the sensor with the microcontroller and hopefully that will get our prototype ready. We will do this step by step and create it together. Since the objective is to make you solve the problem, this article will help you with some codes and ideas but at the end you have to do it on your own. These are the basic steps you can follow:-

Step 1 - Code to check if basic feedback is coming from the sensor.

Step 2 - Calculate the distance traveled by a pulse emitted by the sensor by measuring the duration between emitting and receiving.

Step 3 - Put appropriate conditions to trigger some actions based on the distance.

Before that, connect the HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Sensor and the ESP32 as shown in the figure to the right



Picture 5: Connection

The code shown to the right will help you with Step 1 and Step 2. You can use the freely available and simple Arduino IDE to write the program.

```
const int triggerPin = 5;
const int echoPin = 18;

#define SOUND_SPEED 0.034

long duration;
float distCm;

void setup() {
```

Let us quickly understand what is happening. First we are assigning the trigger (send) and the echo (receive) pins. You can check the GPIO pin allocation for an ESP32 and assign any pin. For this example, I have chosen GPIO 5 and 18. Then there is the SOUND_SPEED variable which saves the velocity of sound in the air at 20ºC in cm/uS.

```
  Serial.begin(115200);
  pinMode(triggerPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(echoPin, INPUT);
}

void loop() {
  digitalWrite(triggerPin, HIGH);
  delayMicroseconds(10);
  digitalWrite(triggerPin, LOW);

  duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);

  // Calculate the distance
  distCm = duration * SOUND_SPEED/2;

  // Prints the distance in the Serial Monitor
  Serial.print("Distance (cm): ");
  Serial.println(distanceCm);

  delay(1000);
}
```

```
#define SOUND_SPEED 0.034
```

I will skip the next few lines as they are self explanatory --- we are just initialising some variables where we will be storing our desired values. In the setup () method, we are assigning serial communication at a baud rate of 115200 so that we can print the values on the Serial Monitor. We are defining triggerPin as the output because this actually sends an ultrasound and echoPin as the input as it will receive the reflected ultrasound. Based on this reflection and other parameters we will be calculating the distance later. (because as the water level increases in the tank, the distance will gradually decrease)

```
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);
  pinMode(triggerPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(echoPin, INPUT);
}
```

In the loop(), we are producing a 10uS HIGH pulse on the triggerPin which helps it to emit an ultrasound.

```
digitalWrite(triggerPin, HIGH);
delayMicroseconds(10);
digitalWrite(triggerPin, LOW);
```

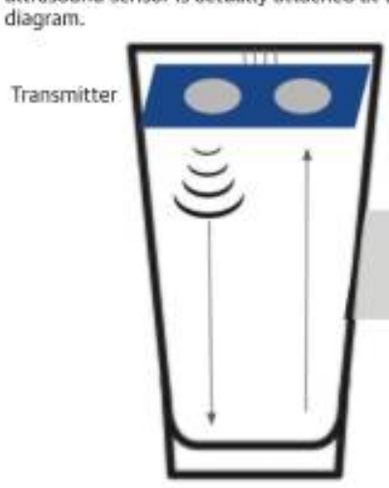
Next we use the pulseIn() method to calculate the time taken by the ultrasound to be received by the echoPin.

```
duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);
```

The rest of the part is very simple. We calculate the distance and then print on the serial monitor. Below is the continuous output.

```
Distance (cm): 10.32
Distance (cm): 10.32
Distance (cm): 10.32
Distance (cm): 10.32
Distance (cm): 10.32
Distance (cm): 10.32
```

Now comes the actual experiment to see if our model works. At this point, the ultrasound sensor is actually attached at the top of the glass as shown in the diagram.



Picture 6: Glass and Sensor

If you start pouring water in the glass, you should see the distance reducing. Check below

```
Distance (cm): 10.32
Distance (cm): 10.07
Distance (cm): 9.41
Distance (cm): 9.43
Distance (cm): 9.12
Distance (cm): 9.14
Distance (cm): 8.49
```

That's it. All that is remaining is step 3, wherein you need to decide the optimal height of the water level, that is the height at which you should receive or hear a notification to stop the pump. This we will leave up to you to figure out but overall this is how the code is going to look like.

```
if (disCm < YOUR_DESIRED_VALUE):
  buzzAlarm(); // a function you need to write
```

You would need to buy an Active Buzzer Module which will cost you around Rs 30 and add to the ESP32 for receiving the sound feedback. Instead of buzzAlarm() you can create a function sendSMS() which will send an SMS to the phone when the desired height is reached.

Picture 7: Active Buzzer

You would need an internet connection for this and would have to also include the WiFi module of ESP32 to connect to the WiFi using SSID and password. The code below (or something along similar lines) will help you with connecting to the WiFi. But after that you need to use some external libraries like TinyGSM to send SMS.

```
#include <WiFi.h>
#include <WiFiClient.h>
#include <WebServer.h>

const char* ssid = "YOUR_SSID";
const char* password = "YOUR_PASSWORD";

void setup() {

  WiFi.begin(ssid, password);
  Serial.println("");
  while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
    delay(500);
    Serial.print(".");
  }
  Serial.println("");
  Serial.print("IP address: ");
  Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());
```

If you have got this running, congratulations! You have just solved one of the most common problems in our "not so developed" cities. But also, the real fun begins. Remember the possibilities you looked into before? You do not have to switch off the pump yourself. Even that can be automated. So now instead of sendSMS(), you need to write a switchOffPump() method. For this you might need some Relay switches added to the Main power via the ESP32 after which you will be done.

Picture 8: Relay

SHARING THROUGH OPEN SOURCE

As the last step, share your work. Enter the Open source world. Just create a repository on github and let others also look into your work. The problem that you have just solved may be a pain point for someone else as well. That person can help you fine tune your work or could even provide a different point of view. Someone could even build on top of what you have built to solve larger problems. This is the satisfaction you get of contributing to the Open Source world.

No problem is a small problem. It is just a change of perspective that makes a problem small or big. Therefore, do not hesitate to get into this world of IoT (Internet of Things) to solve your problems. This will not only help you achieve something probably no one has achieved before but the solution could also be scaled up to solve bigger issues. To give you an example, our water level checker, at a glance might seem like solving a very customised individual problem, but think about it — Is the notification of the height of water only important for a water tank? Consider the Assam floods, particularly the city of Silchar in Assam.

The citizens of this city are suffering with no food or proper water with the hope that the water level of the river Barak, in the valley of which the city is situated, lowers as soon as possible. But can you believe in the year 2022, where technology has become so advanced, people of that city still need to go to a specific place, overcoming the chest height water, just to read the daily reading of the water level of the river?

A little extension of our water level problem can help people receive this reading on an hourly basis via SMS. So, please keep innovating solutions which at some level or the other could eventually solve bigger problems of our country.

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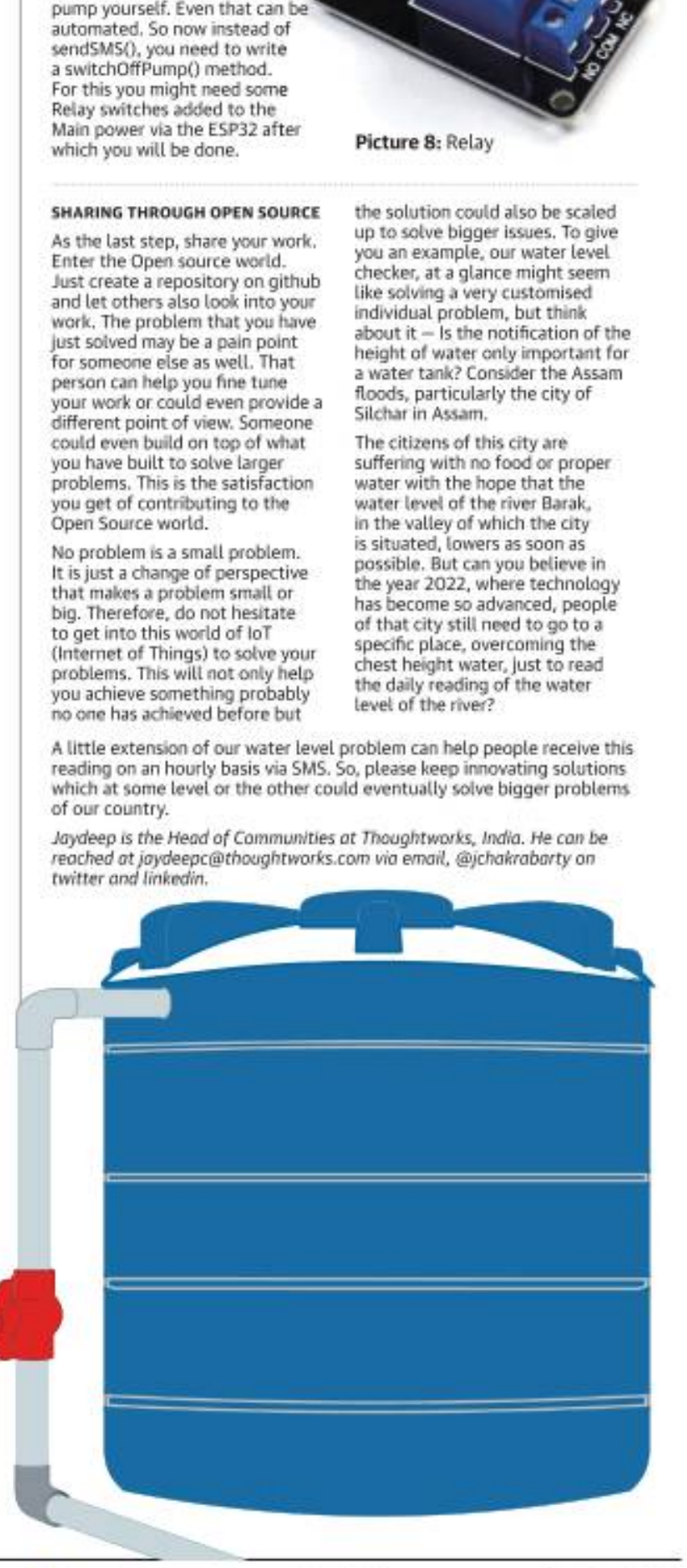

Permanent ban on pvt. vehicles to Chamundi Hills sought

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Environmental activists in the city have called for a permanent ban on entry of private vehicles to Chamundi Hills on the grounds that the number of people visiting the hills has exceeded its carrying capacity.

Though private vehicles are barred every Friday of the "Ashada Masa" and only government buses ferry tourists and pilgrims in view of the surge in crowd, activists want a permanent ban to be in place to safeguard Chamundi Hills and its environment.

Tanuja, an eco-educationist based in Mysuru, said the model adopted at Himavad Gopalswamy Betta model in Bandipur - where private vehicles are not allowed to ply to the hill top and tourists are ferried in a government bus - should be introduced on Chamundi Hills as a permanent feature.

"There is no end to the facilities that can be created and yet it will be found wanting to cater to the pilgrims and tourists whose numbers are beyond what the hills can handle", she said. Similar demands have been raised by NGOs such as Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) in the past.

Meanwhile, there is no end to the "development" works being taken up atop Chamundi Hills which is turning the lung space of Mysuru into a concrete jungle. Close on the heels of installing streetlights along the forest route leading to Chamundi Hills which was preceded by the construction of a vehicle parking complex and commercial shops, groundbreaking ceremony has been held for "development" of Devikere which is a perennial waterbody on Chamundi Hills.

Man gets 10 years' RI in POCSO case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The fast track court on Wednesday convicted a 24-year-old labourer and sentenced him to undergo 10 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) and pay a fine of ₹25,000.

The convict, Venkataswamy, a native of Krishnagiri, was living in the neighbouring house of the victim in Mahadevapura and used to harass her everyday. The victim, aged around 14, was alone at home on May 21, 2018, when the accused dragged her into his house and raped her. When the mother of the victim confronted the accused, he slapped her and escaped.

Inspector T. Srinivas filed the charge sheet.

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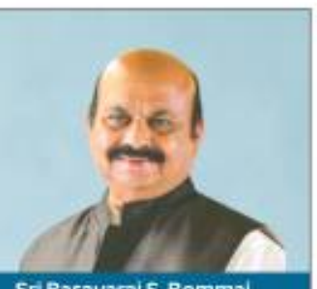
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BESCOM
Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

EV ABHIYAANA 2022
01st to 06th July 2022

BESCOM EV MITHRA APP
- Download BESCOM EV Mithra App to get first-hand information about EV charging stations
- Book EV charging at lowest costs in BESCOM charging stations

SINGLE WINDOW DASH BOARD
- Use BESCOM Single Window Dash Board to get power connections for new charging stations

EV JAGRUTHI PORTAL
- EV Jagruthi Web Portal caters the needs of a diverse set of stakeholders
- EV Jagruthi Portal (www.evkarnataka.co.in) is giving state specific information about e-mobility.

BESCOM EV CHARGING STATIONS
- BESCOM is the first government owned company in the country has established 289 EV Charging Stations
- BESCOM invited tenders to set up 1000 EV charging stations on PPP model

EV EXPO
- More than 100 EV companies will participate in three days EV expo
- EV Expo will promote e-mobility by inviting the industry leaders, stakeholders and end users

Sri V Sunil Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Energy, Kannada & Culture Department participates in departmental programme

EV EXPO
Dated : 1,2 & 3rd July 2022
Venue : Chamara Vajra, Jayamahal Road, Bengaluru

EV RALLY
Dated : 02nd July 2022, from 6.00 AM
Venue : Vidhansoudha to Chamara Vajra, Palace Ground, Jayamahal Road

As is enshrined in our Constitution, to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ

DMA/2020-21/WORK INDENT NO.113666/Call-2 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.06.2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ E-PROCUREMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸದ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅಳ್ಳ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯಾಯ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಮಿಯಂ ಎಫ್.ಎಚ್.ಆ. ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು **ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.07.2022** ಆರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. **Pre Bid Meeting Date: 08-07-2022, Time : 16:00:00.**

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಕೆಲಸದ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂಪಾಯಿ
1	ಮ.ನ.ಪಾ. ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ವಿಸಂ.25ನೇ ದೇರೆಬೈಲ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ವಾರ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಸುಗರ್ ಕೋರ್ಟು ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಗಲೀಕರಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ಥಾರಕ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. (Indent No.113666/Call-2)	1,56,00,000.00

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹುಬ್ಬಾಡಾ–ಕಾರವಾರ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ –581 301.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08382–228935, ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 229735 e-mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com
ನಂ: ಕಾರ್ಯ/ಗ್ರಾಕುನೀಸ್ವಿ/ಕಾರವಾರ/ಟೆಂ–1/ ಟೆಂಡರ/JJM/2022–23/812 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.06.2022

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಜಲಜೀವನ್ ಮಿಷನ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ/ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲು ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಆರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮುಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾಯಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ Standard Tender Document KW-4 ನಂತೆ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಾಯಿಚಿಲ್ಲೆ ಹೊಂದಿಸಲಾದ ಪಿದ್ಯುಪಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪ್ಪು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಮಜಬೂರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಂತೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: (1) INDENT 37051 (2) INDENT 41684 (3) INDENT 40907

(1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: 28.06.2022 to 12.07.2022 up to 16.30 Hrs. (2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **04.07.2022 Time : 11.30 Hrs.** Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids : **12.07.2022 Time : 16.30 Hrs.** (4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **13.07.2022 Time : 17:00 Hrs.** (5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರರು
DIPR/ADK/MCA/138/22-23 dt.28.06.2022 ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ (ಉ.ಕನ್ನಡ)

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL COURT AT BENGALORE
P & S C. No.315 OF 2022

BETWEEN: 1. Shri. Madhusudhan Ramanand Naik, S/o late Ramanand Naik and Savithri Naik, aged 68 years, R/at No.57, 1st 'A' Main, 1st Block, R.M.V. II Stage, Dollars Colony, Ashwathnagar, Bangalore-560094. **2. Smt. Gayathri Ramamurthy Naik alias Shoba-Naik**, D/o late Ramanand Naik and Savithri Naik, aged about 66 years, R/at N-2, Rohini Classic Apartment, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore-560094. **3. Shri. Suraj Naik**, S/o late Vidyashankar Ramanand, Grandson of late Ramanand Naik and Savithri Naik, aged 30 years, R/at No.175, Vijay Classic 1st Floor, 3rd cross, Central Excise Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094. ...**PETITIONERS**

AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the named petitioners have made this petition to this court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of succession Certificate in favour of Petitioners in respect of the schedule Property, Shares Deposits held by late Smt.Savithri Ramanand Naik who died on 30.01.2018, who is the son and daughter and Grandson of Petitioner Nos.1,2 & 3

Interested persons are hereby called to appear in this Court in Person or by an Advocate duly instructed on **18th day of July 2022** at 11 O'clock in the forenoon, inform show cause against the Petitioners, failing appearance the petition will be heard ex-parte and ordered Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE - A

All that is piece and parcel of site No.195, 'A' Block, Devraj Urs Layout, Davangere City, measuring 60 feet east to west and 40 feet north to south and bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 168-188, **West by:** 30 feet road, **North by:** Site No. 196, **South by:** Site No. 194.

SCHEDULE -B

Apartment bearing No.1 in the ground floor totally measuring 1618 feet of super built up area in the residential complex known as Vijay Classic with RCC roofing and on car parking space in the stilt floor along with the 27.15% undivided share, right and title and interest in all that is piece and parcel of residential site bearing No. 175 in Central Excise House Building Co-operative Society Layout, in Boopsandra village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP ward No. 100, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore - 560 094, site measuring east to west 40 feet and north to west 50 feet and bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 174, **West by:** Site No. 176, **North by:** Site No. 162, **South by:** Road.

SCHEDULE -C

Senior Citizens Saving Scheme bearing account No.91600787/03003139526 maintained in RMV 2nd Stage Post Office and the saving bank account bearing No.3224468/03030711116 maintained in RMV 2nd Stage Post Office.

SCHEDULE -D

Pension Payment Order No.33744/PPR which is pending before the Pension Payment Treasury, Bangalore. And any other immovable or movable properties or assets of her entitlement be made out jointly to Petitioner Nos. 1, 2 and 3 herein.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court on this 17-06-2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Address of the Advocate: **Mr. Vijay Kumar L** Gayathri Meridian', #1521, 11th Cross, Tank Band Road, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore -560010.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.KPTCL/T(W&M)/MYS/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/71825-27 Date:27.06.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids on Total / / Partial turnkey /Percentage Tender basis for the following works:

(1) Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/EEE(O)/AEE1/T(W&M)/M YS/22-23/LINE-14** for Providing additional 66 KV Terminal Bay at existing 66/11 kV Hullahally sub station for the proposed running additional circuit on existing towers at Hullahally for LILO for a distance of 1.395Kms in Nanjangudu Tq, Mysore Dist.on TTK basis including Supply of all equipments/ Materials and Erection (including Civil works) of all materials /Equipment, Testing and Commissioning.

(2) Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/22-23/LINE-15** for Providing LILO arrangement to 66/11kV Ayrahalli substation by stringing 66kV second circuit for a distance of about 6.805Kms along with one number of 66kV Terminal bay at 66/11 KV Ayarahally substation in Najangud Tq & Mysuru Dist on TTK basis including Supply of all equipments/ Materials and Erection (including Civil works) of all materials /Equipment, Testing and Commissioning.

(3) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/T(W&M)/MYS/SEE/EEE(0)/AEE-1/Survey-4** for Reconstruction of existing 66kV Pandavapura-K.R.Pete tap SC line on SC towers with SC line on DC towers for a distance of about 32kms in Nagamanagala Taluk, Mandya.

(4) Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/T(W&M)/MVS/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/Survey-5 (Combined Package)** for Combined package of Conducting detailed line survey for construction of Double LILO of 220kV Basthipura- Kushalnagar DC line with drake ACSR conductor to the proposed 220/66/11kV Seeguru Recieving Station for a distance of 3 Kms in Periyapatna Taluk, Mysuru district and Conducting detailed line survey for construction of DC LILO of 66kV Mysuru Line-1 and Mysuru Line-2 emanating from 220kV Kushalnagar R/s and construction of DC LILO of 66kV Periyapatna Line-1 and Periyapatna Line-2 emanating from 220kV Kushalnagar R/s with coyote conductor to the proposed 220/66/11kV Seeguru Recieving Station in Periyapatna Taluk, Mysuru districtusing Modern Survey Technique.

(5) Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/23 Call-2** for Providing additional 1 X 8 MVA 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV Maradihundi Sub Station in Nanjangud Taluk & Mysuru Dist .

(6) Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/24** for Providing additional 1x20 MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformer with necessary switchgears at D R pet 66/11 kV Sub-station in Chamarajanagara Taluk & District.

(7) Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/DCW/01** for Strengthening of earthing of 66kV Hootagally & Garudanaukkada line towers & ISMB Verticals at RBI Switchyard Mysuru City.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or before 02.07.2022**. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Transmission (W&M) Circle, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavan, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru - 570 007. Ph: 0821-2455018

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Post Bag no. 1, Yelwal, Mysore 571 130
Tel : 0821-2406582/6523 Fax : 0821-2403064

BRIEF TENDER NOTICE

Superintending Engineer, BARC, Mysuru, invites for & on behalf of President of India sealed item rate tenders from experienced Contractor with sound financial & technical capacity for following work(s):

Tender Reference No.	**BARC/ MYS/ AM/ MN/ WT/ ORF /2022 Date: 21/06/2022**
Name of the Work	Orifice Drilling by EDM
Estimated Cost	**Rs. 4,50,000/-** (Rs. Four Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)
Completion Period	**24 Months**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs. 9,000/- (Rs. Nine Thousand Only)**
Cost of Tender Document	**Rs.500/- (Rupees Five hundred only) (Non refundable)**
Sale of Tender Documents	**From 27/06/2022 to 04/07/2022 16:00 Hours**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details,which can be downloaded from web site **www.barc.gov.in**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer, BARC
For & on behalf of the President of India

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: ಜಎಫ್ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು–05/ಟೆಂ/2022–23/821 ದಿನಾಂಕ:– 28.06.2022

ಇ– ಪ್ರೊಕೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ–2ನೇ ಕರೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕಾಅ/ದಾವಿವಾ ಜಎಫ್ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು–05/ಟೆಂ/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.06.2022.

ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನ್ಸೂರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ–2000ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಂತೆ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಆರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 63.00 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 180.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೆಲೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ11.07.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 12.07.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

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Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Public Works, Department, Sirasi Division(U.K), Karnataka Ph: 08384-223164, Fax: 08384-224100
No. PWD/SR.IDn/ AE/IFT/5054 MDR/2022-23/625 Date: 24.06.2022

Invitation for Tenders (IFT) (Short Term) (2nd Call) KW-3/4

e-Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Division, Sirasi invited tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. **The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (26.03.2021)** (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors: (3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached. (4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division. (5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

(Total 7 Works)

(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **04.07.2022 up to 16.00.00** (2) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **05.07.2022 up to 16.00.00** (3) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid: **06.07.2022 @ 16.30.00** (4) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **08.07.2022 @ 16.00.00**

***Sd/-* Executive Engineer**
Public Work Department Division
Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)

DIPR/ADK/MCA/144/22-23 dt.28.06.2022

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Short-Term Tender Notification No.:09/2022-23

Date :27.06.2022

In the Tender Notice seen above, Tender will be received through e-proc for work of Construction of Bridge at Baluru-Horanadu (SH-106) Road at Ch. 4.20 km for Hebbale Holae in Mudigere Taluk (152011) coming under Mudigere Sub Division of Chikkamagaluru District from eligible contractors up to 4.00 PM on 06.08.2022. Details of capabilities to undertake or having implemented the works should be attached (As per Standard Tender Document KW-4). The contractors can take up the contract only if they have the minimum eligibility as per section 3. Approx. amount is Rs. 1308.48 lakhs.

If this date is declared as holidays, the next day will be considered. Further details can be obtained by contacting the case worker during office hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.76/mca/22-23/495

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode Only)

No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-EPR22(20-21)/22-23/3223-24 Date: 28.06.2022

KPTCL invites bid against Enquiry No. **1). KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/20-21/EPR-22/Call-11 Dated: 18.03.2021** for the work of Replacement of age old pneumatic type 220KV SF6 Breakers by spring mechanism type at the **220/66/11KV Somanahalli** Receiving Station, in the jurisdiction of BMAZ South circle on **Partial Turnkey Basis** including supply of all matching materials/equipment's (excluding 220KV Breakers and Conductors) and erection (including civil works) of all materials/equipment's, testing and commissioning.

No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-/22-23/3218-19 Date:28.06.2022

KPTCL invites bid against Enquiry No. 2). KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/T-4/19-20/EPR-03/Call-6 Dated: 28.06.2019 for the work of Replacement of old deterioted centre opening type 220KV Isolators at 220/66/11KV Receiving Station Somanahalli in TL&SS Division, Somanahalli on Total Turnkey Basis in BMAZ South circle, KPTCL Bengaluru.

The bids will be received through e-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement- KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 30.06.2022.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.)
Tr(M), BMAZ (S), KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560009. Ph./Fax : 22386686-85

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF VII ADDITIONAL FIRST CIVIL JUDGE (Jr. Div.) AT MYSURU
O.S. No. 788/2018

Capital:
ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Registered Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 ...**Plaintiff**
and
1st Floor,
Deeskha Setty Mansion
Rama Vilasa Road, Mysuru-16
Represented by its Authorised Representative Amar Jinde
And
Nandeesha. M ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Nandeesha.M
S/o Manche Gowda
Aged 35 years
R/a: 2549, 17th Main, 5th B Cross, Vijaynagar 2nd Stage, Near KO Circle, Mysuru- 570017

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs.2,72,411.03/-** (as on 09/04/2018) along with interest at 18% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the **06/08/2022** at **11:00 A.M.** take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this **20th day of June 2022**

Principal First Civil Judge, Jr. Div., Civil Court Complex, Mysuru

Apoorvananda. K,
MIG 32, Ground Floor, Nrupathunga Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru-570023

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF IX ADDITIONAL FIRST CIVILJUDGE (Jr. Div.) AT MYSURU
O.S. No. 1014/2019

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Registered Office at ICIC Bank Towers, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 ...**Plaintiff**
and
1st Floor,
Deeskha Setty Mansion
Rama Vilasa Road, Mysuru-16
Represented by its Authorised Representative Swamy G.K.
And
Kaustuv Nag ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To.
Kaustuv Nag
S/o. Kajal Kumar Nag
Aged 25 years
R/a.: #60, Hebbal, Opposite Skarray Technolgies Mysore-570018

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs.2,37,368.97/-** (as on 19/06/2019) along with interest at 18% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the **21/07/2022** at **11:00 A.M.** take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this **27th day of June 2022**

By Order of the Court
Principal First Civil Judge
Jr. Div Civil Court Complex, Mysuru

Apoorvananda K,
MIG 32, Ground Floor, Nrupathunga Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru- 570023

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I Mehsboob Sab s/o Adham Sab, born on 17/11/1995, R/o Home no 108, Kalleshwara Extention, Hosadurga (Taluk) Chitradurga 'Dist', I changed my name from Mehaboob Sab to Mehboob Malik vide affidavit dated 27/06/2022 before notary RAVINDRA T, Hosadurga

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE, TIRUVANNAMALAI.
IDOP.No. 68 /2022

Mary Sabeena ...Petitioner
Versus
John Paul ...Respondent

Notice to: John Paul, Son of Late.Arockiasamy, Kharehalli Village, Bharandhur Post, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shimoga District, Karnataka.

Please take notice that the petition filed by the petitioner against you for the relief of divorce and other ancillary relief pending on the file of the Learned Additional District Judge, Tiruvannamalai stands posted on 19.07.2022 for your appearance. As you are wantonly evading to receive court summons, notice is ordered to you by the above said Honourable Court through paper publication. Failure to appear on 19.07.2022 at 10.30 Am before the learned Additional District Judge, Tiruvannamalai, on the above said date, the above said case will be decided in your absence.

S. LAWARENCE, B.Sc., B.L.,
Advocate, Ms No.2905/2014
Tiruvannamalai. Ct: 8098198895

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE PERMANENT LOK ADALAT
No.2, Technical Education Building, Ground Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru- 560001.
PLA Petition No. 153/2022

Petitioner
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Bommanahalli Branch, Bengaluru,
Respondent/s
1) Sri. Sneha Mahila Swa Sahaya Sangha, 5th Cross, Shivarampura, Sriramanagara, Tumkur- 572101. Karnataka. Reptd. By Authorised Representatives R-2 & R-3, Mrs. Thriveni SK & Mrs. Syeda Tabassum Sultana
2) Mrs. Thriveni SK,
W/o. Dinesh Aged 24 Years, 5th Cross Shivarampura, Sriramanagara, Tumkur- 572101. Karnataka, Ph: 7899619652
3) Mrs. Syeda Tabassum Sultana, W/o. Arif Ahmed, Aged 43 Years, Ghouse Building, Beside Church Compound, Tumkur- 572101. Karnataka, Ph: 9844786197

NOTICE TO: RESPONDENT No.3

Whereas the Petitioner has instituted a Petition against you for recovery of Rs. 4,66,060.55p/- plus interest @ 18.50% p.a. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Permanent Lok Adalat, Bengaluru at No.2, Technical Education Building, Ground Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001,** in person or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the petition, or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all material questions on **1st day of August 2022,** at **11.00 a.m.** to answer the claim with written statement and supporting documents without fail.

Further the petitioner is open to negotiation, conciliation and settlement of the dues and 'without prejudice to its rights' makes an open bonafide offer of a rebate of 5% of the entire dues subject to a one time payment to be made by YOU.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Permanent Lok Adalat on this **22nd day** of **June 2022.**

By Order of Permanent Lok Adalat
Sd/-Sheristedar (I/C) PLA, Bengaluru

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE PERMANENT LOK ADALAT
No.2, Technical Education Building, Ground Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru- 560001.
PLA Petition No.169/2022

Petitioner:
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Bommanahalli Branch, Bengaluru
Respondent/s
1) Durgadevi Mahila Swa Sahaya Sangha, Linge Katte, Hebburu, Chikkarangi, Tumkur- 572102. Karnataka. Reptd. By Authorised Representatives R-2 & R-3: Mrs. B.V. Sunitha & Mrs Lavanya LG.
2) Mrs. B.V. Sunitha,
W/o. Mallikarjuna, Aged about 26 Years, Beside Sathya Kanthamma Kalyana Mantapa, Devanuru Road, Tumkur-572102, Karnataka PH: 9449362259.
3) Mrs. Lavanya L.G.
W/o. Praveen Kumar B.C.
Aged about 28 Years,
Sri Siddeswara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Gokula Road, Vijaya PU College, SS Puram, Tumkur- 572102, Karnataka, PH: 7892346937.

NOTICE TO: RESPONDENT No. 3

Whereas the Petitioner has instituted a Petition against you for recovery of Rs.1,47,179.82p plus interest @ 17.50% p.a., You are hereby summoned to appear before the Permanent Lok Adalat, Bengaluru at No.2, Technical Education Building, Ground Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru- 560001, in person or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the petition, or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all the material questions on 1st day of August 2022, at 11.00 a.m. to answer the claim with written statement and supporting documents en without fail

Further the petitioner is open to negotiation, conciliation and settlement of the dues and 'without prejudice to its rights' makes an open bonafide offer of a rebate of 5% of the entire dues subject to a one time payment to be made by YOU.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand, and seal of the Permanent Lok Adalat on this 22nd day of June 2022.

By Order of Permanent Lok Adalat
Sd/-Sheristedar (I/C) PLA, Bengaluru

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE PERMANENT LOK ADALAT
No. 2, Technical Education Building, Ground Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru, - 560001.
PLA Petition No. 156/ 2022

Petitioner:
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Bommanahalli Branch, Bengaluru
Respondents
1) Sri Malligae Mahila Swa Sahaya Sangha, Guluru Hobli, Hullenahalli, Tumkur- 572122. Karnataka, Reptd. By Authorised Representatives R-2 & R-3, Mrs. Gangamma HN & Mrs. Manjula M
2) Mrs. Gangamma HN.
W/o. Rajappa N. Aged 33 Years Maruthi Krupa, Upparahalli, Behind Indira College, Tumkur- 572122 Karnataka Ph:7259914674
3) Mrs. Manjula M, W/o. Thimappa. Aged about 29 Years, Veeranayakanahalli, Hullenahalli, Tumkur- 572122, Karnataka PH: 9972992343

NOTICE TO: RESPONDENT NO. 2

Whereas the Petitioner has instituted a Petition against you for recovery of **Rs.1,78,296.20p** plus interest @ 18.50% p.a., You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Permanent Lok Adalat, Bengaluru at No. 2, Technical Education Building, Ground Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001**, in person or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the petition, or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all the material questions on **1st day of August 2022,** at **11.00 a.m.** to answer the claim with written statement and supporting documents without fail

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, DIVISION DHARWAD

SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (One & Two Cover System), Kw-1,2&4/KC-5

Reg : This office tender Notification No. 09/2022-23 Dated:28.06.2022

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Dharwad, Under **Gadag** Sub Division invites tenders for total of **06** Works in Standard Bid Document KW-1,2&4/KC-5 through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible contractors for the work under Head of Account: **4702-APB (Total of 03 Consultancy works); 4702 Keresanjivini- (Re Tendered:Total of 02 works); 4702 New Tank- (Re Tendered:Total of 01 work);** Maximum Amount put to tender: Rs.**897.67** Lakhs, Maximum E.M.D amount Rs.**13.47** Lakhs and Minimum Amount put to tender: Rs.**0.78** Lakhs, Minimum E.M.D amount Rs.**2000.00** Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From **30/06/2022** to **06/07/2022** upto17:30hrs. Last date for submission of tender documents through e-procurement portal: up to 17:30 hrs on **06/07/2022**. And any other Corrigendum/Addendum and Postponement Notification will be published only through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Gadag/MCA/137/2022-23 **M.I. & G. W. D. Division, Dharwad**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
M.I & G.W.D.D. DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR
No.EE/MID/VJP/AE-2,3/NON-NBD /TND/2022-23/922
Date: 20.06.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Division Vijaypur invites work tenders through "E-Procurement" from eligible contractor on item rate Tender for following works (Call-2) as per KTPP Act-2000 and latest amendments.

Non Nabard Works :- Total 2 Works, Estimated Cost **Rs.1068.20 Lakhs, Tender Period for the above works are from Nine(9) to Eighteen(18) Months including monsoon.**

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka E-Procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam under login for Contractors from **30.06.2022.** Tenders may be submitted on electronically in E-Procurement portal up to **16-00 hrs.** on **12.07.2022.** Interested contractors information regarding works may be obtained from this office (Ph.No.08352-277188) or e-Procurement helpdesk (Ph.No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227) upto **17.30 hrs.** on **11.07.2022.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **08.07.2022** for work costing above 1.00Crore in the office of the Executive Engineer, MI&GWDD Division, Vijaypur. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.Corrigendums or addendums if any can be seen in website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI & GWDD Division, Vijaypur
ಜಾಹೀರಾತು/ಮುಖಮಾಡಿರ/198/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara.

Tender Notification No. : 04/2022-23 Date : 28-06-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender invited from qualified contractors for the works through e-procurement portal as per **Standard Bid Document.** The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

S.I. No. (1) & (2) Documents may be downloaded from 25-07-2022 & Last Date for Submission of Tenders 25-08-2022 up to 16.00 hours. Date of Opening of Technical Bid 26-08-2022 at 16.30 hours (if possible). Tender processing fees & EMD as per E-procurement. Estimate Cost Rs. 300.00 lakhs.

S.I. No. (3) to (7) Documents may be downloaded from 25-07-2022 & Last Date for Submission of Tenders 11-08-2022 up to 16.00 hours. Date of Opening of Technical Bid 12-08-2022 at 16.30 hours (if possible). Tender processing fees & EMD as per E-procurement. Estimate Cost Rs. 50.00 lakhs. to Rs. 170.00 lakhs.

For more information contact the above office during office hours.

Note : Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD, Ramanagara Division,
Ramanagara.

DIPR/Ramanagar/118/Manipal/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
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Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
MLI Division No-2 Babaleshwar- 586 113.
Phone:08355-200020
E-mail ID: eemli2babaleshwar@gmail.com
No:KBJNL/MLID-2/PB-4/MBC&BBC Consultancy/2022-23/438
Date:27.06.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL MLI Division No –2 Babaleshwar, the under signed invites **tender on percentage basis** from certificate of registration, registered with the registrar of companies/Consultants for Babaleshwar Dy-15 Consultancy works 1]Indent No.21543 Amount **Rs.109.62 Lakhs** & Balance Managuli dy network consultancy works 2] Indent No.21644 Amount **Rs.150.23 Lakhs.** The tenderers are required to upload **Two cover** should contain the documents as mentioned in para 1.1&2.11 and the bidders who have paid the requisite EMD & fulfill the conditions contained in para 1.1 will be opened.

Issue and submission of E-tender documents

1) The contractor can have access to e-tender document from **30.06.2022 to 16.07.2022** up to 5.00 PM.

2) Submission of completed e-tendering document will be up to **16.07.2022** at 5.00PM.

3) Cover (Technical & Financial bid) will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL MLI Division No.2 Babaleshwar **on 18.07.2022 & 20.07.2022 at 11.00 AM respectively.**

Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, MLI Division-2,Babaleshwar
ಜಾಹೀರಾತು/ಮುಖಮಾಡಿರ/204/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

Government of Karnataka
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Bhoomi Monitoring Cell,
First Floor, SSLR Building, KR Circle, Bengaluru - 560001.
Phone no 080-22113255, Email: bhoomi.bmc01@gmail.com

No: BMC/PAPER/01/2022-23 **Date: 29.06.2022**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited for procurement of 80 GSM Legal and A4 size Papers to 31 Deputy Commissioner's Offices, Revenue Department. The last date for uploading filled tender forms in e-procurement portal is **13.07.2022 by 5.00 PM.** Details regarding terms and conditions of the said tender are available at **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** portal.

Sd/-
Assistant Commissioner,
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DIPR/CP/1128/Zankar/2022-23

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All persons having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant site bearing **Municipal No.09** (PID No.74-8-9) measuring East to West : 12.19 metres and North to South : 12.19 metres, in all measuring **148.59 square metres,** situated at HAL 3rd Stage, New Thippasandra, Ward No. 58 (earlier Ward No. 74 - Jeevan Bhimanagar), Bengaluru, formed by the City Improvement Trust Board now known as Bangalore Development Authority and bounded as follows:

East : Site No.8
West : Site No.10
North : Site No.12
South : Road

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 29.06.2022

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Bellary Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

Brief Tender Notification

Two Cover System (Only through e-procurement portal)

No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work_Indent 12555 Date:28-06-2022

Tenders are invited through GOK e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **" Providing, erection & commissioning of hydro ejectors, wetting head assy and required pipelines & fittings with structural support from ESP 4 major hoppers to ash slurry sump for unit-2, BTPS. "** **Amount put to tender:** ₹ 12.52 Lakhs. **Pre-bid meeting:** 05-07-2022 @ 11:00 hrs. **Last date for submission of both technical & financial bid:** 08-07-2022 up to 16:00 hrs. **Opening of technical bid:** 09-07-2022 at 16:30 hrs. **Tender documents can be downloaded from the above portal.** Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (AHP1), BTPS, KPCL, Kudithini-583152, Bellary District. Mobile: 9448290768

Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore ARC)
acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC -EOT - 001 -Trust
Encore ARC Corporate Office Address: 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector 44, Gurugram 122002, Haryana

Public Notice for e-Auction

e-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bajaj Finance Limited to secure dues in the loan account since assigned to Encore ARC (Secured Creditor), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 10.08.2022 at 11.00 a.m., for recovery of **Rs.56,12,747/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Seven Only) as on 18.10.2021 together with further interest from 19.10.2021** at contractual rate till recovery and other costs, charges etc due to the Encore ARC (Secured Creditor), from Borrower viz. **Mr. Pasunuri Sandeep**

The description of the mortgaged immovable properties, and the details of Reserve Price for the Secured Assets & the Earnest Money Deposit are as under:

Item Sr No.	Name of Account	Description of Property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Minimum Increment Amount in Bidding Process (In Rs.)
1.	Mr. Pasunuri Sandeep	All that Residential Apartment bearing No. 405 in Fourth Floor of Block A in the project "Definer Kingdom" measuring 1021 Sq.ft of build up area and 139 Sq.ft of proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other area of common use and totally measuring 1160 Sq.ft of Super build up area approximately, with right to use one Covered Car parking Space in Ground Floor and the Apartment is bounded by: North : Open to Sky South : Lobby East : Flat No. A-406 West : Open to Sky Along with 456 Sq.ft, undivided share, right , title , interest and ownership in the land measuring 2 Acres 15 Guntas (Minus 1894 Sq.ft., surrendered for road widening to Hosakote planning Authority) in Sy.No. 95, situated in Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, duly converted for non- agricultural residential purpose vide order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, bearing No. ALN./(EB) (K) SR. 15/2010-11 dated 26.07.2010 and presently bearing Khata No. 956/95 in the records of Mandur Village panchayath and bounded by: North : Remaining portion of Property measuring 0 acres 26 Guntas, land in Sy. No. 102. South : Land bearing Sy. No. 96 & thereafter Govt School East : Road West : Land bearing Sy No. 149	39,44,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs and Forty Four Thousand Only)	3,94,400.00 (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand and Four Hundred Only)	50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)

Date of Inspection of Secured Assets	15/07/2022 between 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM
Last Date of Submission of online Bid	Before 3.00 PM on 09/08/2022
Date & Time of e-Auction	10/08/2022 at 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each as per Terms & Conditions mentioned below. Auction Website: https://bankeauctions.com

In case the e-Auction date is declared public holiday then the date will be automatically extended to the very next working day.

Since Encore ARC is acting in its capacity as Trustee of EARC-EOT-001-Trust only, any reference of its name in this Public Notice should be construed accordingly.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Encore ARC's website i.e. **https://www.encorearc.com and https://bankeauctions.com**

Interested bidders may contact Authorised officer of Encore ARC Mr. Padmakumar S. Mobile No. 97390 99360, Mr. K.Nagendran Mobile No. 91762 91717, Mr B.M. Nagaraju 89399 56230 for any further information / query.

Date: 30.06.2022
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited

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Six men arrested for abducting realtor to recover money

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Mahadevapura police on Monday arrested a group of six men who allegedly abducted a 41-year-old city-based realtor to recover the money they had invested with him.

The accused have been identified as Indrawath Dev, 36, Daddikatti Mallikarjuna, 32, Bhoya Madan Kumar, 29, Sankanna, 40, Prashanth, 24, and Chandrashekhar, 29, from Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh. According to the police, the accused knew the victim Siddappa, a native of Andhra Pradesh and resident of Hoodi, and had invested close to ₹35 lakh after the latter promised to get their investment doubled within a short period of time.

After taking money from them, Siddappa invested in a business and incurred loss and started avoiding the accused. They abducted Siddappa from Hoodi and demanded ₹50 lakh ransom from his wife Chandramma. Unable to pay the amount, approached the police.

Redesigned Skill Connect Portal to be launched on July 15

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Minister for Higher Education and Skill Development C.N. Ashwath Narayan on Wednesday said his department will launch a redesigned Skill Connect Portal that has been made more effective on the occasion of World Youth Skill Development Day on July 15. He was speaking after inaugurating a job fair organised by the department at Bhandarkar's Arts and Science College in Kundapur, Udupi district.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner
1) SMT. SHAILAJA. B.M,
2) SRI. ARUN SAGAR GURU
3) SRI. C.M. KRISHNAMURTHY &
4) SMT. JAYA VENKATAPPA.

Any person (s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his/her/ their/its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documents with regard to Schedule Property to the under signed within **15 DAYS** hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the transaction. Any objections/ claims received there after will not be entertained/ binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of residentially converted land bearing **Sy.Nos.403/2A,** measuring 0-37 ½ Guntas and Sy.No. 403/2B2 measuring 1 Acre 3 Guntas, in all 2 Acres ½ Guntas **Chamarajanagara Village, KasabaHobli, Chamarajanagar Taluk, Chamarajanagara Dist,** presently known as property bearing 24B, katha number 26-2-119-24B, KHB Colony, South Boundary Rd, Blk-02, Chamarajanagara Town & District, measuring **East to West 85.97 Meter+85.99 Meter/2 & North to South 94 Meter+93.60 Meter/2,** in all measuring **8056.03 Square Meter,** within the local limits of City Municipal Council, Chamarajanagara & the same is bounded as follows: On the

East by: Property No.26-2-119-24C
West by: Property No. 26-2-23-59
North by: State High Way 57 road
South by: Government Lane

H.K.GIRISH ADVOCATE M&G Associates
82, 1st Flr, 41st Cro, 3rd Mn, 08th Blk, Jayanagar, B'lore-70.
Ph: 080-26632343/ 88670-44666

Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board Office of the Chief Engineer
Jalamandali Compound, Sir.M. Vishveshvarayya Road,Dharwad-580 001 Email: kwbcen@gmail.com
Tel No: 0836-2447090

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Lumpsum Tender for the following work is invited (two tender document system) through e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from the eligible Agency / contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial eligibility criteria.

Name of work: Providing short term measures for Under Ground Drainage System to Karwar city under NGT with O and M for 5 years of the UGD system including defect liability period of one year. For more details please visit e-Procurement Portal. **WORK_IDENT/3046/CALL-6th**. For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad may please be contacted.

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER,
KUWS & D BOARD, DHARWAD.

DIPR/DWD/280/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Bangalore Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk, Ph No.: 080-29787463 Email-Id: eerdwsd.bngr1@gmail.com

No. EE/RDW&Sanitation Division/BR/TB/Tender22-23/327 Date: 28.06.2022

e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notification No. 01(3rd Call)/2022-23 Date: 28.06.2022
e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notification No. 01(2nd Call)/2022-23 Date: 08.06.2022
e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notification No. 01(Corrigendum-1)/2022-23 Date: 23.05.2022
e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notification No. 01/2022-23 Date: 07.05.2022

(Only through e-procurement portal)

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka according to KTPP Act 2000 through E-procurement Portal for the works under 2021-22 2215 H/A under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to **Provide FHTCs to House Holds in Bengaluru Rural District** (Standard Tender Document KW-2, KW-3) Application & EMD Payment to be done through E-Procurement Portal.

General conditions: (1) Contractor has to upload Document through online only (2) All qualifying documents has to be attached in online. **(1)** Tender Schedule can be downloaded from website: **After 4.00 p.m.** on **28.06.2022. (2)** Last date for tender uploading: **Up to 4.00 p.m.** on **07.07.2022. (3)** Date of opening of Tender / Technical Bid: **At 4.05 p.m.** on **08.07.2022. (4)** Date of opening of Financial Bid: **At 11.00 a.m.** on **11.07.2022.**

More details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned and also through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking **List of Tenders** which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW&S Division, Bengaluru Rural.

DIPR/DD-C.P/1117/MCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
LUMPSUM CONTRACT (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

TENDER NOTICE NIT. No: 12 SE / Spl. Project Circle, Palani / 2022 - 2023 / Dt: 28.06.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders are invited from the Registered Contractors of PWD/WRD for the following work by the undersigned up to 3.00 PM on **03.08.2022**. The Prequalification application alone will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day.

Sl. No.	Name of work	EMD Rs	Cost of Tender schedule + GST in Rs	Period of Completion (Including rainy season)	Cost of Schedule and EMD to be remitted in favour of
1.	Improvement to carrying capacity of Right main canal of Kodagainar Dam from 108 cusecs to 200 cusecs in Vadakkendur, Gujiliyamparai Taluk of Dindigul District and Aravakurchi Taluk of Karur District. Approximate Value of work including GST Rs. 9480.00 Lakhs	321000	Rs. 15000 + GST	18 Months	The Executive Engineer, WRD, Nanganjiyur Basin Division, Palani, Dindigul District

1. Last date of receipt of requisition for tender documents will be on **02.08.2022** up to **5.45 P.M**
2. Details of tender schedule and conditions are available in the website at free of cost for downloading http:www.tenders.tn.gov.in

DIPR/3077/Tender/2022 Superintending Engineer, WRD, Special Project Circle, Palani

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER
HYDRAULICS DIVISION No.1, K.E.R.S., K.R.SAGARA 571607, KARNATAKA
(Phone and fax: 08236-297253, Email: crohyd1krs@gmail.com)
Notification No. CRO/HYD/KERS/ TENDER/01/2022-23 Dt :27.06.2022

Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement only)

The Chief Research Officer, Hydraulics Division No.1, K.E.R.S., K.R.Sagara invites Tender as per the KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 and as per the prescribed proforma of Standard Tender Documents under NHP through electronic tendering system (e-tender) from eligible firms for 'Supply of 0.1 mg weighning balance-1 No and Microprocessor Flame Photometer-1 No. to Munirabad(KERS) WAter Quality laboratory, Level-II at Munirabad for the year 2022-23 Under NHP' under Hydraulics Division No.1, Branch, K.E.R.S, K.R.Sagara, under the Head of account - National Hydrology Project. EMD for submission of tenders is **Rs. 6,700/-.** Interested Bidders can download the bid document from **27.06.2022.** Last date for submission of Tenders will be on **12.07.2022 up to 4.00.PM.** The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** Bids are opened on **14.07.2022 after 10.00 AM.** Further details may be obtained in the website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or from the under signed during Office hours.

Sd/-Chief Research Officer,
Hydraulics Division No.1, K.E.R.S., K.R.Sagara

DIRP/AD-MDY/MC&A/158/2022-23

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office GESCOM, Kalaburagi.
Phone No: (08472) 256960, E-mail: eeragescom2002@gmail.com

GESCOM/CEE(O)/ EE(RA)/AEE(RA)/AAO(RA)/2022-23/16861-65 Date: 29-06-2022

NOTIFICATION ON FAC

In accordance withthe provision of Hon'ble KERC (Fuel Cost Adjustment Charges) Regulations 2013 and amendment thereof the Hon'ble Commission having recognized the increase in the fuel cost adjustment charges (FAC) during 4th quarter of FY-22 as per FAC order Dated: 20.06.2022 and increase in overall power purchase cost during the 4th quarter of FY22, decides to allow GESCOM to increase in the fuel cost adjustment charges of 26.00 paise (Twenty six paise) per unit of sale i.e., from 1st July 2022 to 31st December 2022.

The FAC order issued by the Hon'ble Commission is available in the KERC and GESCOM website

1 https://gescom.karnataka.gov.in/storage/pdf-files/FAC/FAC%20for%204th%20Quarter%20for%20FY22.pdf
2 https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/kerc/FAC/FAC%202022-23/FAC%20for%204th%20 Quarter%20for%20FY22.pdf

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy.,
Operations, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/305/MC&A/2022-23

Government of Karnataka.
(PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPTARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.R.E. DIVISION BIDAR.

No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-3/2022-23/670 Date: 27-06-2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for 05 works approved under 5054 schemes as per KW-02 and 04 in One and Two Cover System. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum Rs. 21,33,191.60 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand One Hundred ninety One and paise sixty only) & Maximum Rs. 4,19,50,017.06 (Rupees Four Crore Nineteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Seventeen and paise six only) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before 16.00 hours up to 26.07.2022. Technical Bid will be opened on 27.07.2022 & Financial Bid will be opened on 30.07.2022 respectively. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.R.E. Division, Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/115/MC&A/2022-23

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only Through e-Procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Sl No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
1.	STP Hebbal Valley	BWSSB/ESH/PB/ 225/2022-23 Dated:20.06.2022	₹ 23,55,552/- / ₹ 50,000/-	14.07.2022 upto 5:00 pm	15.07.2022 at 5:00 pm
2.		BWSSB/ESH/PB/ 231/2022-23 (2nd Call) Dated:21.06.2022	₹ 24,43,978/- / ₹ 50,000/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (STP-H.Valley)

3.	STP-A Valley	BWSSB/EE(STP)AV /PB/175/2022-23 Dated:24.06.2022	₹ 44,75,652/- / ₹ 89,600/-	18.07.2022 upto 5:30 pm	20.07.2022 after 11:00 am

Sd/- Executive Engineer (STP-A.Valley)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

DIPR/1119/2022-23

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

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No/CCB/PWD/EE/DM/TND/E-proc-06/2022-23 Dated:-28-06-2022

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Commissioner, City Corporation Belagavi invites tenders for procurment of vehicles and machineris for Solid waste management for 3 works and 1 electrical works taken under 15th Finance General Basic grant the said works retender is called in standard tender document through E-Procurement portal for further details visit online web site https:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/-Commissioner
City Corporation Belagavi

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-431/MCA/2022-23

Government of India
Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (Meity)
UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION AUTHORITY OF INDIA
Technology Centre, Bengaluru

Vacancy circular for filling up of various posts on deputation basis (Foreign Service term) in Technology Centre, Bengaluru

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) invites applications for filling up of the posts of (i) Deputy Director (Technology), (ii) Assistant Director (Technology), (iii) Technical Officer (iv) Section Officer (v) Assistant Section Officer and (vi) Assistant Technical Officer on deputation basis (Foreign Service Terms) at its Technology Centre at Bengaluru.
(https://uidai.gov.in/images/career/Vacancy_Circular_for_various_posts_at_UIDAI_Technology_Centre_Bengaluru.pdf).
The applications may be furnished in the prescribed proforma and forwarded to Director (HR) (Tech Centre), Unique Identification Authority of India, Aadhaar Complex, NTI Layout, Tata Nagar, Kodigehalli, Technology Centre, Bengluru-560092. The last date for receipt of applications complete in all respects is **18.07.2022.** Since this vacancy is to be filled up on deputation basis, private candidates are not eligible. Application received after the last date or otherwise found incomplete shall not be considered. Further details may be obtained from the website **www.uidai.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin)

New Aadhaar Enrollment & Updation Facilities can also be availed at Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK). To locate one near you, visit UIDAI.GOV.IN or call 1947

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Executive Engineer, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, No.1, HLBC, Division, Channarayapatna

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 05/2022-23 DATED : 28.06.2022 Through e-procurement Single and Two tender System

On behalf of the Managing Director Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, Electronic tenders on ITEMWISE TENDERS on e-procurement portal are invited by the Executive Engineer, No1, HLBC, Division, Channarayapatna in Karnataka from registered with the Karnataka Labour Department for the supply of Manpower eligible KPWD/CPWD, public organization contractors for the work mentioned here under. Total No of works: 9works Types of works: Engaging Labours for maintenance of HLBC Main canal, Distributorys, SRDN canal, Tanks, LISchemes, office, Vehicles and colonys. Reservation works details: 1 work reserved for S.C. category contractor Estimated Amount:Rs. Rs. 81.92 Lakhs to Rs.15.87 Lakhs E.M.D. Details: 164000.00 to Rs. 39000.00 Period: 12 Months (April -2022 to March-2023) The contractor can obtain the e-proc documents and can access eproc. For Two tender system works Contractors can download the documents form **29.06.2022 to 06.07.2022 upto 4.00 P.M.** will be the last date for submission of application through eproc. Date of Opening of Technical bid is on **08.07.2022 at 4.00 P.M,** and financial bid will be opened soon after the approval to technical bid. The contractor can obtain the e-proc documents and can access eproc. For Single tender system works Contractors can download the documents form **29.06.2022 to 06.07.2022 upto 4.00 P.M.** will be the last date for submission of application through eproc. Date of Opening of financial bid is on **08.07.2022 at 4.00 A.M.** If any variation found in amount put to tender and E.M.D, amount mentioned in the bid document will be consider as final. Note: Further details can be obtained from the above office or e-procurement website (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, No.1, HLBC Division, Channarayapatna

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Government of Karnataka
(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/JE/JJM/E-Proc/2022-23/650 Date : 27.06.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, tenders have been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 to undertake the following works in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga under Jal Jeevan Mission Project.

Indent Nos.: (1) 41380 (2) 41381 (3) 41403 (4) 41404 (5) 41405 (6) 41406 (7) 41407 (8) 41408 (9) 41513 (10) 41522 (11) 41860 (12) 41606.

Tender details, terms and conditions, corrigendum or changes are available on website : **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and the eligible contractors/bidders should submit their bids and required documents on e-portal only.

Tender Schedules :

(1) Last date for receiving tenders from contractors : **11.07.2022 at 5.30 P M.** (2) Date of opening of Double cover Technical Bid : **13.07.2022 at 11.30 A M.** (3) Date of opening of Double cover Financial bid : **15.07.2022 at 11.30 A M.** (4) Time fixed for completion of works : **Double cover: 3 months (90 days)**

sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No.155-06 zenkar/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
(District Urban Development Cell)
Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi
Telephone No: 08472 – 278604 Fax no: 08472 – 278602
E-mail: dudc.glb@gmail.com & itstaff_dudc_gulbarga@yahoo.com

No.DUDC/Amrut Nagarothana(Mun)-4/Afzalpur/95/2021-22 Date: 29.06.2022

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Deputy Commissioner Office Kalaburagi invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 rules 2000 through E-Procurement Portal in two cover system using KW-4 document from class-1 contractors for Amrut Nagarothana (Municipality)-4 Project Kalaburagi District Package works as detailed below:- 1) Description of Work : Construction of Roads, RCC Drain and interlocking pavers and other works in Sedam Town TENDER NO:- DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_ INDENT132423, Amount put to Tender (Rs. In Lakhs) : **419.35 (Excluding GST),** EMD Amount (Rs. In lakhs): 6.30, 2) Description of Work : Construction of CC Road, BT road, Drain and Centre Street Light, fixing of high mast and Divider and other works in TMC Afzalpur TENDER NO:- DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_ INDENT132324, Amount put to Tender **(Rs. In Lakhs) : 388.53** (Excluding GST), EMD Amount (Rs. In lakhs) : 5.83, 3) Description of Work : construction of Drain & Road, Footpath & Garden Development and other Works in TMC Jewargi TENDER NO:- DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_ INDENT 132599, Amount put to Tender **(Rs. In Lakhs) : 420.18** (Excluding GST), EMD Amount (Rs. In lakhs) : 6.30, 4) Description of Work : Construction of CC Road, Building work, Water Supply and BT Road and RCC Drain Works at Chincholi Town. TENDER NO:- DMA/2022-23/OW/ WORK_ INDENT132426, Amount put to Tender (Rs. In Lakhs) : **375.49 (Excluding GST),** EMD Amount (Rs. In lakhs) : **5.63,** 5) Class of Contractor : Class-1 , 6) Period of Completion : 12 Months from the date of award for every work.

Contractors can download and submit the tenders from dated: **29.06.2022** through E-procurement portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1) Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents : **30.07.2022 upto 5.00 PM,** 2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM,** 3) Date of Opening of Financial Bids: **08.08.2022 at 11.00 AM**

Postponement of Calender of events (if any is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DUDC Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/309/MC&A/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation and Ground water Development Division, Chitradurga

NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB4/TENDER NOTIFICATION: 14/2022-23 DATE: 24-06-2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (ONE-TWO COVER) KW-2 & KW- 4

Item rate tender in One & two cover system as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible Class-I contractors registered in KPWD & Eligible Agency/Consultancy for the following work through e-procurement portal. **Name of work:-** (1) Repairs to sluice of tavarekere Tank in Halejoga village in Nyamati Taluk of Honnali Vidhana sabha Constituency (Reserved for ST). Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-44.38 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-44500.00 (2) Construction of Checkdam across Gunduvahalla near Mussenal village of Nyamati taluk Davanagere District. (Reserved for SC Contractor) Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-44.61 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-45000.00 (3) PKG-1: Repairs to Savalanga New Tank in Honnali Taluk and Repairs to Savalanga Ooramundinakere Tank in Nyamati Taluk, Davanagere District. Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-307.99 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-462000.00 (4) PKG-2: Repairs to Soraturu Tank in Honnali Taluk, Repairs to H Gopagondanahalli in Honnali Taluk and Repairs to Kattige Tank in Honnali Taluk, Davanagere District. Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-354.72 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-532500.00 (5) PKG-3: Repairs to Bhairanahalli Tank in Honnali taluk, Repairs to Taraganahalli Tank in Honnali taluk, Repairs to Hiregonigere Tank in Honnali taluk and Repairs to Konanatale Tank in Honnali taluk, Davanagere District. Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-356.63 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-535000.00 (6) PKG:04 Repairs at Ch3.50km to Low level Nala of Savalanga Tank in Nyamati Taluk of Honnali Vidhana Sabha Constituency, Repairs to Chatnalli Tank in Honnali Taluk and Repairs at Ch 2.50 Km to High Level Canal of Savalanga Tank in Nyamati Taluk of Honnali Vidhana Sabha Constituency. Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-267.40. E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-401500.00 (7) PKG-5: Repairs to waste weir of Savalanga Ooramundina kere, Repairs to waste weir and canal of Chinnikatte Tavarakere tank near Chinnikatte and repairs to Yallapura tank and feeder nala near Chinnikatte village in Nyamati Tq of Honnali Vidhanasabha Constituency. Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-244.82 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-367500.00 (8) PKG-6: Repairs to Cause way across Kumri halla and Repairs to Cause way across Kuntaboothappana Halla near Sooragondanakoppa village, in Nyamati taluk, Construction of Bridge cum Barrage Halla near Dodderi Road and Construction of Checkdam to Vaddarakatte Halla in Nyamati taluk, Davanagere District Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-267.02 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-401000.00 (9) PKG-7: Construction of Checkdam cum Barrage across Agarasara Halla of Sasivehalli village Honnali taluk, Construction of Checkdam across Giddanahalla in Narasagondanahalli village of Honnali taluk and Construction of Checkdam across Guddada halla near Somanamallapura of Honnali taluk . Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-442.24 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-663500.00 (10) PKG-8: Repairs to Check dam near Ganjenahalli village and Construction of Checkdam across Hire halla near Palavanahalli village of Nyamati taluk in Honnali Vidhana Sabha Constituency . Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-221.56 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:-332500.00 (11) PKG9: Construction of Checkdam across kengrihalla near Hosakatte village and Construction of Checkdam across Hirehalla near Kunkuva village in Nyamati taluk of Davanagere District. Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-133.50 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:- 200500.00 (12) PKG-10: Construction of Bridge cum Checkdam across Padadahalla near Kattige village of Honnali taluk and Construction of Checkdam across Guddadahalla near RSy No.180/1 of Kattige village in Honnali taluk of Davanagere District. Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-178.14 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:- 267500.00 (13) PKG-11: Construction of Checkdam across Marihalla and Construction of Checkdam across Kagrihalla near Madhenahalli village of Honnali taluk .Amount put to tender in Lakhs:- 266.21 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:- 399500.00 (14) PKG-12: Construction of Protection wall to Kodihalla near Sy.No.103 in Savalanga village of Nyamati taluk Honnali Vidhanasabha Constituency and Construction of Protection wall to Tavarekere Kodihalla and Rangapattanakere Feeder Nala near Halejoga of Nyamati taluk Honnali Vidhanasabha Constituency. Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-353.53 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:- 530500.00 (15) PKG-13: Construction of Protection wall behind Checkdam near Hanumasagara village in Honnali taluk Honnali Vidhanasabha Constituency and Construction of Protection wall to Hirehalla near Kankanahalli-Kodachagondanahalli in Nyamati taluk. Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-354.05 E.M.D. in Rs. In Lakhs:- 531500.00 Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 27-06-2022 Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender 05-07-2022 upto 5.30 P.M., Last Date for submission of Tenders 06-07-2022 upto 4.00 P.M. Opening of Technical bid Date: 07-07-2022 after 4.30 P.M (If possible). Opening of Finanical bid Date 08-07-2022 after 04.30 P.M (If possible). Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in e-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from e-procurement help desk No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/278/2022-23 **Sd/-Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Divison, Chitradurga**

Programme to give eggs, bananas to be extended across State

They were being provided to schoolchildren in Kalyana Karnataka, where malnourishment indicator was alarming, from December 1, 2021 as part of midday meal

A file photo of schoolchildren being given eggs during their midday meals. • FILE PHOTO

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

The State government is planning to extend the programme of providing boiled eggs, bananas, and groundnut chikki to students in all government and aided schools across Karnataka.

The Karnataka government started distributing eggs and bananas to schoolchildren in seven districts of Kalyana Karnataka from December 1, 2021, where the malnourishment indicator was alarming.

In Yadgir district, 74% of students were suffering from malnutrition and anaemia. It was 72.4% in Kalaburagi, 72.3% in Ballari, 70.7% in Koppal, 70.6% in Raichur, 69.1% in Bidar, and 68% in Vijayapura district. The government then started providing boiled eggs and bananas to government and aided schoolchildren, aged between 6 and 15, and suffering from malnutrition, anaemia, and deficiency of proteins.

After the implementation of the programme, there was anger and protests against the government by various seers and religious groups against serving eggs. There were also counter protests by schoolchildren and various progressive and student organisations, demanding that the government continue the programme.

Already, an order of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) on November 8, 2021 states that Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) children in pre-primary classes (LKG and UKG) will get eggs, bananas, chikki, and green gram sprouts soon.

The order states that on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, groundnut chikki will be served for breakfast and rice and sambar for the midday meals.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays, it will be green gram sprouts for breakfast and wheat payasa for midday meals. On Tuesdays and Fridays, boiled eggs and bananas [for those who don't want to have eggs] will be served. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, there was no school for these children in the academic year of 2021-22, and the government had provided foodgrains to children instead of eggs, bananas, chikki, and green gram sprouts. Now, the department is planning to provide this facility to 276 KPS schools' pre-primary students across Karnataka from this academic year.

After this, the government is planning to extend this project to all the government and aided schools students across the State. Many meetings have taken place in this regard. S. Selvakumar, Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education, told *The Hindu*, "After Kalyana Karnatakta's seven districts, the government is planning to extend the programme to all government and aided school students in the State. But, the Finance Department is yet to give its approval. Then it will be decided by the Cabinet".

Permanent fees exemption for PU girl students

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Department of School Education and Literacy is permanently exempting the annual fees payment for girl students of Pre-University Colleges from the academic year of 2022-23.

The government had announced the exemption for girls, from nursery to postgraduation, with effect from the academic year of 2018-19, but a fresh order had to be issued each year to continue it.

The Department of School Education and Literacy (earlier called DPUE) was providing a sum of ₹456 for each girl per year. This was paid to the principal's account, which in turn, was credited as fee.

However, with the present order, there will be a permanent exemption and there will not be a need for recurring order for pre-university girl students. But the old system will continue for degree and other girls.

The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling in Bengaluru on July 2

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The 20th edition of The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling 2022 Karnataka is being held at 10 locations in nine cities in June and July.

The event will cover educational topics like CET, COMEDK, NEET, general education (offbeat courses), Law, Pure Science, Arts, Science & Commerce, Management, PGDM, Engineering & Medicine. The event sets a benchmark in educational and professional guidance. It acts as a platform to connect students and parents with speakers and educational institutions. The event also helps students to take the right decisions after getting the necessary counselling and guidance.

Event sponsors

Platinum Sponsor for the event are: Presidency University, Bengaluru, Ramaiah University, Bengaluru, and Reva University, Bengaluru. The Gold Sponsors are Cambridge Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, Nitte Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, and Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumakuru. Silver Sponsors for the event are ACS College of Engineering, Bengaluru; K. S. Group of Institutions, Bengaluru; Rajarajeswari College of Engineering, Bengaluru; Soundarya Institute of Management and Science, Bengaluru; Universal Group of Institutions, Bengaluru, Atria Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, and TAPMI, a unit of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru. Other associate Sponsors are: CMR University, Bengaluru, KSOU, Mysuru; Shaheen Group of Institutions, Bidar, and Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Bengaluru.

Timings for registration is between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. The event will be held between 9.30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For details, contact: 9739273958 / 9448160126 / 9448871815. Entry is free. First 300 walk-ins will get a surprise gift. All participating students will get free English proficiency test, STEP.

The schedule

Place	Date	Venue	Address
Bengaluru South	July 2	Mangala Mantapa Auditorium	NMKRV College for Women campus 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru
Hubballi	July 2	K.L.E. Society's Biotechnology Auditorium	B.V.B. College of Engineering & Technology Campus, Vidyanagar,Hubballi
Ballari	July 3	BPSC Pre-University College	BPSC Pre-University College, Anantapur Road, Ballari
Mysuru	July 3	Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering	P.B. No.206, Gokulam 3rd Stage, Mysuru
Davangere	July 3	Bapuji Business School	Bapuji MBA College , Lake View Campus, S.S. Layout, Davangere
Kalaburagi	July 9	Poojay Doddappa Appa Saba Bhavan	Poojay Doddappa Appa Saba Bhavan, Sharana Basava University, Kalaburagi

To pre-register for the event and STEP test, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3N2Sy2F

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Govt. school guest teachers' honorarium up by ₹2,500

Across the State, around 29,000 teachers will benefit

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

After six years, the State government has revised the monthly honorarium of government primary and high school guest teachers and hiked it by ₹2,500.

Across the State, around 29,000 teachers will benefit with effect retrospectively from May 16, 2022. With this, high school guest teacher will be getting ₹10,500 and primary school teachers will be getting ₹10,000 per month.

After huge protests with various demands, including a hike in their honorarium, government degree college guest lectures have been receiving hiked salaries from January 14, 2022.

It was hiked from ₹13,000 to ₹32,000 for those who have got master's degree in a particular subject, along with NET, SLET, and PhD. It was hiked from ₹ 11,000 to ₹28,000 for those with master's degree, without NET, SLET or PhD.

Currently, the Department of Public Instruction is paying ₹8,000 to the high school guest teachers and ₹7,500 to primary school teachers. After degree college lecturers, the government schools guest teachers also raised their voice against low honorarium and demanded revision.

Following this, Commissioner of the Department of Public Instruction had submitted the report to the government recommending revision. They had suggested hike to ₹12,000 for primary and ₹15,000 for high school teachers. Finally, the State government took the decision to hike the honorarium by ₹2,500. The order was issued on June 18.

Vishal R., Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, told *The Hindu*, "This academic year we appointed 24,000 guest teachers for primary schools and 5,000 guest teachers for high schools. The revised honorarium will be applicable for all these guest teachers, effective from May 16."

PU teachers put forth demand

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A.H. Ningegowda, president, Government PU College Lecturers' Association, said, "Across the State, around 5,000 guest lecturers are working in various PU colleges. But they are getting a paltry ₹8,000 per month. So, I request the government that they hike our salaries like they have done for government degree college guest lecturers and government school guest teachers. We are demanding a hike of ₹5,000".

- High school guest teacher will be getting ₹10,500 and primary school teachers will be getting ₹10,000 per month

Lancet paper highlights child and adolescent care model of NIMHANS

It was initiated to increase access to and availability of child and adolescent mental health and protection support and services

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Highlighting the SAMVAD model by NIMHANS, a recent paper published in The Lancet Regional Health - Southeast Asia has said that this model is the way forward to strengthening the nation's response to child and adolescent mental health (CAMH) issues.

Titled 'A transdisciplinary public health model for child and adolescent mental healthcare in low and middle income countries', the paper was published on June 17.

SAMVAD (Support, Advocacy and Mental health interventions for children in Vulnerable circumstances And Distress) is a model of intersectoral collaboration and technology leveraging to build capacity of child care workers. Carved out from the erstwhile Community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service project, a collaborative project of NIMHANS and Karnataka's Department of Women and Child Development, SAMVAD was principally approved by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development in October 2019.

K. John Vijay Sagar, professor and Head of the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at NIMHANS who is the principal investigator of the project, told *The Hindu* that the model is a unique initiative that serves as a resource for the country.

"It has been initiated to increase access to and availability of child and adolescent mental health and protection support and services through the use of integrated approaches to child well-being," he said.

NIMHANS' SAMVAD model was principally approved by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development in October 2019.

"This model applies innovative teaching and learning methods of participatory, creative and skill-based pedagogies, to deliver training programs focusing on the fundamentals of child mental health and protection work that is relevant to low and middle income countries (LMICs). The model explains frameworks and methodologies that make the training and capacity building done by SAMVAD scalable and standardised while allowing for adaptation of materials to specific professional needs and functions of various types of child care workers and service providers," Dr. Sagar explained.

During pandemic

Assuming operations during the COVID pandemic, in the wake of heightened protection and CAMH concerns, SAMVAD leveraged technology, through creation of virtual knowledge networks and adaptation of in-person training workshops to online programs, enabling CAMH to permeate to remote districts of the country, the doctor said.

"So far, the model has reached across the country, to cover 1,16,243 (child care) service providers and duty-bearers through capacity building initiatives and telementoring services and 26,32,875 stakeholders and citizens (namely parents, teachers, protection functionaries, health workers and other interested parties) through public discourse series, all of which are delivered in diverse Indian languages," he said.

According to the Lancet paper, the SAMVAD model has been designed to work in four verticals – Care and Protection, Education, Mental Health and Law and Policy.

"SAMVAD's essential training program focuses on the fundamentals of child mental health and protection work that would be relevant to LMICs. These include sensitisation to children and childhood experiences, application of child development concepts, identification of vulnerability and protection risks and contexts, communication and counselling techniques with children, provision of first level responses to common child mental health disorders and key provisions of child law in India, so as to locate the implementation of the law in relevant child psychosocial and protection contexts," according to the paper.

"This content is adapted to the specific professional needs and functions of various types of child care workers and service providers. More in-depth and specialized programs, such as those focusing on child sexual abuse, children in conflict with the law and children with disability, and early childhood education are also delivered, particularly to secondary and tertiary level child care workers across various sectors," the paper added.

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THURSDAY, JUN. 30
RISE 05:57 SET 18:50
RISE 06:44 SET 20:01
FRIDAY, JUL. 01
RISE 05:57 SET 18:50
RISE 07:36 SET 20:47
SATURDAY, JUL. 02
RISE 05:58 SET 18:50
RISE 08:27 SET 21:31

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	23
Mysuru	31	20
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be slight warm but humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of rain and thundershower will occur.

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COVID-19: 1,249 new cases in State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Wednesday recorded 1,249 new COVID-19 infections, taking the total number of cases to 39,68,365.

With this the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) rose to 4.84% and the weekly TPR touched 3.35%. Of the new cases, 1,109 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

The cumulative positive cases include 696 backlog cases from BBMP as reconciled from the State Surveillance Unit.

With two deaths, the toll touched 40,075. Besides, 42 deaths due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 1,154 persons were discharged on Wednesday taking the total recoveries to 39,22,541.

Forest Department captures wild elephant in Hassan district

The elephant that was caught by Forest Department staff near Sakleshpur on Wednesday.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

The Forest Department staff, on Wednesday, captured a wild elephant with the help of tamed elephants at an estate near Udevara in Sakleshpur taluk. The elephant captured is said to be the makna, a male with no tusks, which roamed around villages around Udevara for the last couple of days, causing trouble to the public.

The forest officials in Hassan had taken clearance to capture two tuskers and two female elephants and release them after fixing radio collars, with which their movements could be tracked. The department made preparations for the operation in the last two days and got into action on Wednesday.

A team of the ground staff located the whereabouts of the wild elephant and captured it after tranquillizing it. With the help of the tamed elephants, it was put into a truck. The staff would make efforts to capture two female elephants, leading two herds, and a tusker, causing trouble in the area. The female elephants would be released in the same place after radio-collaring them.

Damage

The residents of Kesaguli near Udevara were in shock on Tuesday night as an elephant attempted to enter the house belonging to Girish, a farmer. The elephant broke the front door and damaged a wall, even as the residents watched the animal from the window. The same elephant damaged a shed belonging to another farmer in the same place. Video clips of the elephant trying to enter the residences have been doing the rounds in the district.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Hassan) K.N. Basavaraj told *The Hindu* that the makna, which had been identified as "Old Makna", had been captured. It would be released in a wildlife sanctuary after installing a radio collar. "The elephant had been causing problems for the last few days. Besides this, we will capture a tusker, which would be translocated with a radio collar. We will capture two female elephants and release them here itself after installing the collars," he said.

Validity extended

BENGALURU

In view of classes for some courses being continued till November, the KSRTC has extended the validity of student bus passes till then. In a release, it said students have to pay the amount fixed for the extension by one or two months and show the receipt along with the bus pass while travelling.

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Bengaluru is key driver in GST back-end operations

E-way bill, mandatory to move goods across the country, and e-invoice are driven from the city by a small team from National Informatics Centre

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As the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime is set to complete five years in a few days, Bengaluru has contributed to its nationwide operation.

The back-end operations for the crucial e-way bill, mandatory to move goods across the country, and the e-invoice that helps in input credit, are driven from the city by a small team from the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

Overview

- Introduction of GST: **July 1, 2017**
- Introduction of e-way bill: **April 1, 2018**
- Introduction of e-invoice: **October 2020**
- Total e-way bill generated so far: **More than 273 crore**
- Total e-invoice generated so far: **More than 163 crore**

In the four years since its inception, the country has seen over 273 crore e-way bills being generated to move goods and over 163 crore e-invoices having been generated. While the transition from the Value Added Tax (VAT) regime to GST regime took place on July 1, 2017, the e-way bill was introduced on April 1, 2018, while the e-invoice was introduced in October 2020. In fact, the e-Sugam launched by the Karnataka Commercial Tax in 2010 morphed into the e-way bill under the nation-wide GST regime.

In the VAT regime, Karnataka was generating 1.2 lakh e-way bills a day.

Since its introduction in 2018 April, the number of e-way bills generated daily has seen a 36% increase from about 22 lakh a day to 30 lakh a day.

If 55.8 crore e-way bills were generated in 2018-2019, it has shot up to 77.4 crore in 2021-2022.

In case of e-invoice, the numbers have shot up by 92% since October 2020 when 26 lakh invoices were generated daily to about 50 lakh invoices daily now.

If 4.95 crore e-invoices were generated in October 2020, it has reached 12.18 crore in April 2022. The numbers have also increased as the e-invoice mandate has been extended to those reporting above ₹500 crore turnover annually when the e-invoice was introduced in October 2020 to include those reporting turnover of over ₹20 crore in April 2022.

The NIC, sources in Commercial Tax Department said, has been managing the entire operations from Bengaluru with a staff of around 50. Sources also said, "It is heartening that the 24/7 software and hardware support from Bengaluru has been such that there has been no incident of the software glitch where an e-way bill generation has been delayed over the past four years."

Tax suppression

Sources said, "The introduction of e-way bill has considerably helped prevent suppression of tax. Changes were brought in to prevent bill trading where goods were moved without tax being paid and bill recycling where the same bill was used multiple times to move the goods. Now with the time validity for the bill introduced, the bill recycling has been considerably reduced."

Sources claimed that the nation-wide e-bill introduction has led to saving of time for transporters and logistic companies by almost 30% as static checkposts have been removed besides reducing hassles.

"Earlier with States having their own e-bills, multiple e-bills had to be procured that was cumbersome."

Books invited

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Dr. Masti Venkatesh Iyengar Trust has invited books for the 'Masti Katha Puraskar and Masti Kadambari Puraskar'. Original works in Kannada, published between January 1 and December 31, 2021, are eligible. The award carries a purse of ₹25,000 for the writer and ₹10,000 for the publisher. The Trust said the writer should send four copies of the worksby July 31 to Mavinakere Ranganathan, president, Masti Venkatesh Iyengar Trust, No. 21, Yellappa Garden, 10th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560003.

'Strict vigil to prevent cow slaughter during Bakrid'

SPs and police unit heads across State to set up checkposts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Vigil will be heightened across the State during Bakrid on July 10 so that no cow will land up in abattoirs, said Minister for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Prabhu B. Chavan on Wednesday.

Laying the foundation stone for the district goshala at Ramakunja village in Kadaba taluk, Mr. Chavan said he has asked district Superintendents of Police and police unit heads across the State to set up checkposts at prominent areas.

"I had discussion on this issue with the Home Minister too. All Deputy Directors of Animal Husbandry Department and other staff have been asked to be on alert. No cow should land up at abattoirs on Bakrid," he said.

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PRABHU B. CHAVAN
Minister for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services

Goshalas

Following enactment of the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act, the Minister said the State government is taking steps to set up goshalas in every district and protect cows.

700 cases

The Minister said the State government was strictly enforcing the Act. As many as 15,000 cows have been rescued so far and 700 cases have been booked.

All districts now have animal helpline and over a lakh calls were made in the last eight months. The Pashu Sanjeevini ambulance will shortly be operational in all taluks, he added.

Commending the State Government for its steps in enforcement of the Act and protecting cattle, Dakshina Kannada Member of Parliament and State Bharatiya Janata Party president Nalin Kumar Kateel said the State government is set to open 100 new goshalas in the State this year.

The goshala in Ramakunja will be model, Mr. Kateel said.

Anyone can become CM, says D.K. Suresh

'Will go to polls under collective leadership'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Amidst the game of one-upmanship between Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, the latter's brother and MP D.K. Suresh on Wednesday said anyone can become the Chief Minister of the State and asserted the party would go to polls under collective leadership.

Speaking to reporters here, Mr. Suresh said anyone can become the Chief Minister and leaders such as Mr. Shivakumar, G. Parameshwara, M. Mallikarjun Kharge, Ramalinga Reddy, R.V. Deshpande had all been elected as MLAs several times and nursing ambition to become Chief Minister.

Mr. Siddaramaiah had become the Chief Minister once and now his loyalists want him to be given another chance, Mr. Suresh said. The former Chief Minister's loyalists have planned a birthday event for him on August 3.

Several in the ruling BJP too have been aspiring to become the Chief Minister after the 2023 polls, he said.

Ex-MLAs join Congress

Meanwhile, former MLAs M.C. Sudhakar of Chintamani and Kothur G. Manjunanth of Mulbagal on Wednesday joined the Congress in the presence of former party president and Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi and senior leaders of the State.

A delegation of Congress leaders from Kolar district met Mr. Gandhi and discussed issues related to the party during discussions at the national capital.

K. Srinivas Gowda, who was expelled from the JD(S), was also present with Congress leaders. Mr. Gowda of Kolar and S.R. Srinivas of Gubbi were expelled from the primary membership of JD(S) for cross-voting in the Rajya Sabha elections.

HC rejects plea of ex-civil judge against compulsory retirement

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has rejected the plea of a former civil judge who had questioned the order of compulsorily retiring him from judicial service after he was caught red-handed while signing with backdate the order sheets of proceedings of his court even though he had not held proceedings on that particular day due to his absence.

- He had asked his staff to prepare order sheets of court proceedings, which were not held, and singed them with backdate

Thirty-nine-year-old Shivanand Laxman Anchi, a native of Bailahongal in Belagavi district, was appointed as a civil judge (junior division) in 2014 and was serving as an additional civil judge and judicial magistrate first class, Virajpet, during 2019 when he was caught red-handed by the Principal Civil and Sessions Judge, Kodagu district, when the former was signing orders sheets with backdate.

Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar, who dismissed Mr. Anchi's petition, observed that, "to record proceedings, which have not actually taken place, in the order sheet is anathema to sacrosanct court proceedings and such conduct cannot be countenanced in the case of a judicial officer/judge."

"If this is permitted, there will be no sanctity for the proceedings. It is therefore, imperative that strict action is taken," the High court said.

Serious dereliction

"By instructing the Bench clerk to prepare the order sheets of the previous day and by signing them on the following day, petitioner has committed a serious dereliction of his duty," the High Court observed while declining to accept petitioner's contention that punishment of compulsory retirement was disproportionate to the gravity of the charges.

Petitioner was compulsorily retired from service in March 2021 after holding an enquiry, in which some of the staff, attached to the court hall in Virajpet where petitioner was serving, had deposed that he had not conducted the proceedings on June 26, 2019, but asked them to prepare the order sheets of that day's proceedings and signed them the next day with backdate.

No cross-examination

The High Court also noted that the petitioner had not chosen to cross-examine the witnesses nor adduced any evidence on his behalf in the enquiry.

Discrimination in promotion in PWD alleged

Karnataka Government SC/ST Employees Association petitions Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Alleging discrimination in the departmental promotion process in the Public Works Department, the Karnataka Government SC/ST Employees Association has petitioned Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol to exert pressure on Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to prevent injustice to the employees hailing from the community.

In a memorandum given to him on Wednesday, the association pointed out at the postponement of the departmental promotion committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday to draw the list of Superintending Engineers eligible to be promoted as chief engineers. "This was done using political pressure to deny Scheduled Caste engineers their promotion and this will result in many SC superintending engineers nearing retirement to superannuate without reaching the chief engineer position," the memorandum said.

The association has also alleged that though 11 posts of superintending engineers are vacant, the DPC process has been completed to promote 31 superintending engineers to the posts, which will result in no posting for 20 SC/STs.

Backlog

"The seniority list drawn in the department has not considered posts filled under the backlog, and has ensured seniority for 700 engineers from the general category. This will prevent any promotion to SC/ST engineers to the post of executive engineers for the next ten years," association president D. Chandrashekaraiah alleged in the memorandum, adding that though the Chief Secretary has cleared introduction of reservation for the promotion from the assistant engineer posts, it has not been implemented.

Presidential polls: JD(S) indicates support to Droupadi Murmu

'She is from a downtrodden community and an inspiration'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Indicating his party's support to BJP-led NDA's candidate for Presidential polls Droupadi Murmu, JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday said a final decision will be arrived at soon after going through the background of the two candidates in the fray.

The former Chief Minister said Ms. Murmu has spoken to JD(S) patriarch and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda seeking support and has also sought appointment to meet him personally. He added that there was no need for her to come personally.

Speaking to reporters here, he said Ms. Murmu already has the majority on her side and she had sought Mr. Gowda's support out of goodwill. He said Ms. Murmu comes from a downtrodden community and is an inspiration to all.

Clarifying the party's stand, he said, "There is no question of Congress or BJP or B-team." He added that they were considering such a decision after going through Ms. Murmu's background.

E-vehicle expo

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Electricity supply companies will conduct 'Electric Vehicle Abhiyana' from July 1 to 6. As part of the EV Abhiyana, a three-day expo will be held at Chamara Vajra Hall, Palace Grounds from July 1 to 3.

According to an official release, EV expo will be conducted to promote e-mobility by inviting the industry leaders, stakeholders and end users.

Face-to-face interactive sessions will be held.

VITM events

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and National Doctors Day, is organising a film show on *Indian Freedom fighters* on June 30 at noon. On July 1, it is organising an Open House quiz on 'Contributions of physicians - affordable health care for all' at 12.30 p.m. For details, visit www.vismuseum.gov.in

Thanks to local effort, this school has grown from strength to strength

The school in Agumbe had 19 students four years back and the number has now grown to 77, including 26 in pre-primary classes

SATHISH G.T.
AGUMBE (SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT)

The Government Higher Primary School at Honnethalu near Agumbe in Tirthahalli taluk, in the last four years, has seen student strength go up fourfold, thanks to the efforts of the School Development and Monitoring Committee and the villagers.

Of 170 households in the village, none send their children to private schools. Now there are 77 students, including 26 in pre-primary classes. Four years ago the strength had come down to as low as 19.

The SDMC headed by Nityanand A.G. took steps to improve the school in terms of infrastructure facilities and teaching quality. The efforts were supported by donors and villagers.

"When the students' strength was 19, there were two permanent teachers for the school. Even after the strength improved, the number of permanent teachers remains at two. However, we hired five guest teachers to ensure students do not suffer," said Mr. Nityanand. The committee with the help of donors pays ₹7,000 each for guest teachers. It operates three vehicles to pick up and drop off students from neighbouring villages. "We are committed to ensuring all possible facilities in the school so that parents should not lose hopes on us," said Prasanna Gowda, a member of the committee.

Picture of contrast: The Government Higher Primary School at Honnethalu near Agumbe in Tirthahalli taluk has got a student strength of 76; and (right) the Government Lower Primary School at Donihaklu near Agumbe has only two students. •PRAKASH HASSAN

Besides the regular teaching, they hire teachers to teach spoken English, music, dance, drama and other skills. "Many poor parents residing in villages far from our school are sending their children to our school because we are providing them quality education," said Mr. Nityanand.

Antige-Pantige

Surekha D. Shet, the headmistress, has all appreciation for the cooperation from the SDMC and villagers. "Without their support, the strength could not have been improved," she said.

The villagers, during Deepavali, make use of the community ritual - Antige-Pantige - to raise funds for the school. As part of the custom, a group of people take a lamp from the temple to light lamps at each family. On this occasion, the committee members raise funds from the residents for the school from each household.

"Every family has responded to our appeal. Similarly, Carework Foundation, Srijaya Charitable Trust of Addagadde, Hombuja Mutt, Dharmasthala Rural Development Project and Home Minister Araga Jnanendra have helped us maintain the school so well. We have renovated the building and improved facilities by spending about ₹40 lakh in the recent years," said Mr. Nityanand.

While this school is flourishing with good strength and better infrastructure facilities, about 7 km away a lower primary school at Donihaklu is a picture of contrast.

It has only two students. Rakesh R. and Kashi from Hasimane, a habitat of Hasalaru, a tribal community, have enrolled for Class 2 and they are taught by Ashwini A.V., an M.Com graduate, hired by the Education Department as a guest teacher. A midday meal worker cooks for these two kids every day. The school set up in 1959 is on the verge of closure with no students.

Unlike the school at Honnetalu, this school does not enjoy either the support of the State government or the local people. The department has shifted the permanent teacher to another school. According to an official in the department, 47 teachers' posts were vacant in Agumbe Hobli alone. There are no teachers for eight lower primary schools.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY

Mrs. Margaret Mangaladurai
Retd. Physical Directress,
Stella Maris College and
W/o Late Mr. A.D. Mangaladurai

Attained eternal rest on Tuesday the 28th June 2022. Subsequently a funeral service was held on 29th June at St. George's Cathedral where she was laid to rest. Kindly remember her and our family in your prayers.

Mourned by grieving family members
Benjamin Noah Suresh: Son
Lydia Suresh: Daughter-in-law
Grandchildren:
Thangam, Thavam & Steve
along with Grand son-in-law:
Shiju Mon

IN BRIEF

Govt. moves SC against Vijay Babu's bail

KOCHI

The Kerala government on Wednesday filed a special leave petition before the Supreme Court against a High Court order granting anticipatory bail to actor-producer Vijay Babu in a rape case filed by an actor. In its petition, the government submitted that while granting the anticipatory bail, the HC had considered irrelevant facts.

Cardinal exempted from court appearance for now

KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Wednesday exempted Cardinal George Alencherry, Major Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church, from appearing in person before a magistrate court at Kakkanad here till July 20 in a case relating to alleged sale of Church's land at lower prices and misappropriation of the proceeds. The allegation was that the petitioner and the other accused had sold property belonging to the Archdiocese at a price lower than the one fixed by the authorities.

Verdict tomorrow on online sale of film tickets

VIJAYAWADA

The Andhra Pradesh High Court reserved the writ petition filed by Bigtree Entertainment Private Limited (BookMyShow) against introduction of AP Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Act No. 12 of 2021 for launching a government-run ticket-booking platform, for pronouncement of its order on Friday. The Mumbai-based online ticket aggregator argued that the government plan would repress the existing private ticket-booking platforms commercially unviable.

Nation doesn't need a rubber stamp: Sinha

Presidential election candidate meets LDF, UDF leaders in Kerala Legislative Assembly, seeks support

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Yashwant Sinha, the candidate of the Opposition parties for the July 18 Presidential elections, on Wednesday started his campaign from Kerala by strongly criticising the policies of the Narendra Modi government and asserting that the country needed a "thinking, speaking President" in the Rashtrapati Bhavan and not a "rubber stamp."

Mr. Sinha met legislators of the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) and the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) separately at the Kerala Legislative Assembly to seek their support for his election. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and other senior leaders were present on the occasion.

Seeking support: Yashwant Sinha arriving at the Assembly Complex in Thiruvananthapuram along with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and other leaders on Wednesday. • S. MAHINSHA

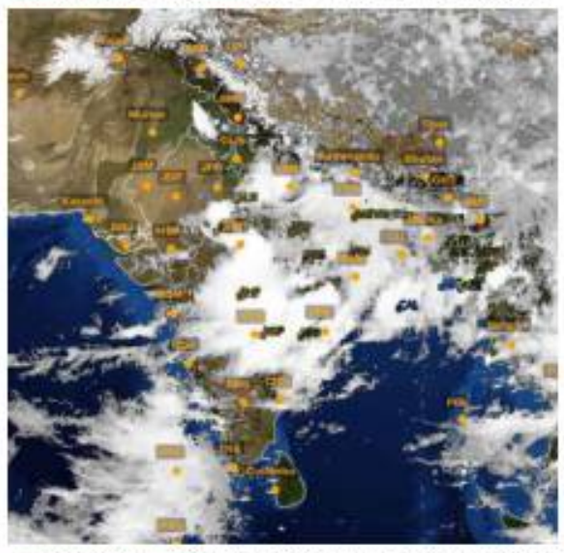
Kerala, Mr. Sinha said, will play a unique role in the upcoming polls as all the LDF and UDF MPs and MLAs will be voting for him, setting aside their differences. Later, speaking at a Meet-the-Press programme organised by the Kerala Union of Working Journalists, Mr. Sinha expressed confidence about putting up a strong fight.

The policies of the BJP government, the former Union Finance Minister alleged, had thrust the country into the grips of a 'stagflation.' The authoritarian rule has "weakened, devalued and diminished" the institutions of democracy, and in many instances, they have ceased to play their roles. The demonetisation dealt a "body blow" to the economy and is the "biggest scam of this century as it helped to convert black money into white," he said. Mr. Sinha termed the Agnipath scheme "foolish." "Playing with the discipline of the armed forces of the country is a dangerous thing. This is not the way to solve the problem of unemployment," he said.

Inflation, unemployment and absence of recourse have made the lives of the people extremely difficult. He accused the Central government of misusing institutions, including the Governor's office, as weapons against Opposition parties and State governments run by them. This is evident from the developments in Maharashtra, he said.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Punjab, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim, Bihar, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places Rajasthan, West Bengal, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Yanam, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2.8	32.0	26.0	Kozhikode	15	28.4	24.2
Ahmedabad	–	39.4	27.5	Kurnool	12	35.1	24.9
Aizawl	5	28.0	21.0	Lucknow	–	33.0	27.6
Allahabad	–	34.2	28.4	Madurai	–	37.7	26.1
Bengaluru	–	29.5	21.1	Mangaluru	79.9	26.8	22.9
Bhopal	–	–	27.0	Mumbai	12	30.7	25.6
Bhubaneswar	0.7	36.1	25.6	Mysuru	–	31.0	21.0
Chandigarh	–	31.7	28.8	New Delhi	–	40.9	28.8
Chennai	–	37.3	28.7	Patna	0.3	28.2	26.2
Coimbatore	0.1	32.1	22.7	Port Blair	8	31.9	25.7
Dehradun	28	30.5	23.6	Puducherry	0.2	37.2	25.7
Gangtok	13.8	20.2	16.9	Pune	1.8	33.1	22.8
Goa	23	28.6	23.7	Raipur	–	36.0	27.0
Guwahati	11	28.5	26.0	Ranchi	–	32.8	22.8
Hubballi	–	29.0	21.0	Shillong	3	23.6	18.6
Hyderabad	11.9	32.2	22.5	Shimla	48	25.0	19.1
Imphal	1	30.2	22.6	Srinagar	–	34.0	21.5
Jaipur	–	39.8	29.7	Thiruvananthapuram	12	30.5	23.6
Kochi	–	28.0	24.0	Tiruchi	–	36.6	26.5
Kohima	1	23.4	17.2	Vijayawada	0.6	35.4	25.8
Kolkata	0.3	35.7	27.6	Visakhapatnam	–	32.0	26.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO2	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	41	51	44	48	105	
Bengaluru	15	21	23	114	95	
Chennai	13	12	71	61	49	
Delhi	13	35	41	221	173	
Hyderabad	21	29	70	40	53	
Kolkata	12	13	16	54	73	
Lucknow	9	59	40	94	100	
Mumbai	5	10	154	45	51	
Pune	128	52	112	76	60	
Visakhapatnam	15	40	28	62	93	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Amritsar, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 244 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Haveri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Broad-based education a fundamental right: Arif Khan

Kerala Governor chides specialised education in madrasas

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan seems to have waded into the protracted debate over the nature of Islamic education imparted through madrasas in the country.

Mr. Khan's comment has come when the media flagged the IS-style beheading of a person at Udaipur in Rajasthan for allegedly extending social media support to the two Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokespersons accused of making derogatory remarks about Prophet Muhammed.

Mr. Khan said here on Wednesday that the Udaipur incident was indicative of a "deeper malaise". Madrasas in the country taught children that the punishment for blasphemy is beheading. It is not divine law. Individuals wrote the jurisprudence.

However, madrasas drill into students that the law is God-given. Some impressionable children might be affected by the distortion of the concept of *jihad*.

Mr. Khan said madrasas should provide broad-based education to students instead of solely emphasising religious study. Children seeking Islamic education were taught Islamic law from the age of five or six.

"Every child has the right to receive broad-based education until 14. It is a fundamental right. Nobody has the authority to deny the right. Children should receive specialised education only after the age of 14. After that age, children are free to pursue their academic interests," he said.

Earlier, various Muslim organisations had denounced the attempt from certain quarters to paint madrasas as cradles of militancy.

Mr. Khan said there were institutions which did yeoman service by catering to the educational needs of children.

School teacher held for sexual assault on girls

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

All Women Police, Thirumangalam on Wednesday arrested a 45-year-old teacher of a government school for sexual assault on girl students. The accused has been identified as R. Sridhar, of Anna Nagar, a chemistry teacher. He was arrested by the police following a complaint from a member of the District Child Welfare Committee. The school teacher had indulged in sexual assault by way of inappropriate touches. He had also sent obscene messages to a few girls, police sources said. The offences were committed by him since March. He had also threatened the girls not to disclose anything to anyone, sources added.

Recently, the girls reported the issue to one of the women teachers in the school who in turn brought it to the notice of a Child Welfare Committee (CWC) member. Following a thorough enquiry by the CWC member, a complaint was forwarded along with an audio file of the conversation and WhatsApp chats to the All Women Police, Thirumangalam. Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case under Sections 10 (Punishment for aggravated sexual assault) read with 9 (Aggravated sexual assault), 21 (Punishment for failure to report or record a case) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and 506 (Punishment for Criminal Intimidation) of the IPC.

Resident doctors skip work over salary dues

Nearly 700 doctors in Hyderabad hit

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

Demanding payment of pending salaries, as many as 698 senior resident doctors working at 29 government hospitals here began a boycott of elective duties (outpatient consultations and ward duty) from Wednesday. They have also threatened to stop attending emergency duty from Friday – National Doctor's Day – if their demand is not met.

The senior residents who graduated from three medical colleges are supposed to be paid a monthly salary of ₹80,500, but it has been pending for two to seven months at the various hospitals.

After the completion of post-graduation, medicos have to work for one year at government hospitals, which is known as senior residency. The medicos, who started their post-graduation in May 2018, completed studies in April 2021. Since the COVID-19 second wave was at its peak during that time, the government continued their services till August 15, according to the Telangana Senior Resident Doctors Association. The batch started to work as senior resident doctors from November 2021.

Some of the young doctors met at Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital in Mehdipatnam on Wednesday to highlight their grievance.

They said they were forced to ask for money from their parents or friends to meet their daily expenses or pay loan instalments. Non-domiciled senior residents like Shweta Jagdeesh, who is from Chennai, says they have additional expenses, including house rent.

Festival season

Colourful feast: Devotees apply *kumkum* to temple steps during the annual Bonalu festival at the Sri Jagadamba Temple in the Golconda Fort in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Bonalu is a month-long folk festival of Telangana dedicated to Kali. • NAGARA GOPAL

Setback to LDF's bid to put gold case aside

Issue likely to figure again in Assembly

G. ANAND
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Left Democratic Front (LDF) government's gambit to soundproof Kerala's political narrative from the jarring echoes of the 2020 UAE diplomatic baggage gold smuggling scandal seemed to suffer a setback on Wednesday.

The ruling front had allowed an Opposition-sponsored adjournment motion in the Assembly on Tuesday to draw a line under the "Congress-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) sponsored muckraking to denigrate" Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his family.

However, Swapna Suresh, the prime accused in the smuggling case, reprised her allegations to inhibit the government's bid to put the issue on the back burner. Swapna's "out of the blue" appearance in front of television cameras in Kochi prompted the visual media commentariat to discuss her bitter recriminations against Mr. Vijayan. The issue is also likely to figure again in the Assembly on Thursday.

Swapna repeated her litany of charges against Mr. Vijayan and his family. The accusations included sending a bag with questionable content via the UAE consulate's diplomatic channel to Mr. Vijayan's entourage touring the Gulf, violating established protocol. At the time, Swapna was the UAE Consulate-General's executive secretary.

Swapna repeated that Mr. Vijayan's family had toyed with the idea of persuading a Gulf potentate to let Kerala government start an IT hub in the Gulf country for allegedly giving a leg-up to Veena Vijayan, the Chief Minister's daughter and IT investor.

High-paying job is passé after scripting success in field

Kerala couple grows traditional rice variety, creates niche online market, sells it after value addition

DHINESH KALLUNGAL
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

It may now be common for professionals to quit high-paying jobs and get back to the soil, especially after the COVID-19 outbreak, but only a few script success or survive long.

The story of a couple who left their jobs in leading companies in Mumbai to turn to agriculture in 2016, however, tells a different story of grit, determination and passion. What worked in favour of the inter-faith couple – Pavithra A., former HR generalist, and Mohammed Rinas Mundakkal, a mechanical engineer in the oil and gas field – is their decision to walk the road less travelled.

While the majority of paddy farmers goes after new rice varieties, Mr. Rinas and Ms. Pavithra chose to grow traditional rice varieties such as *Rakthashali*, *Kuruva*, *Thavalakannan*, *Kunju kunju* red rice, *Njavara*, etc., on their 20 acres of leased land near Vellangallur in Thrissur. These varieties have a yield of only one-third or one-fourth of that of the new hybrid varieties.

Niche online market

Through the initiative, they not only set a new benchmark in the farming of traditional rice varieties but also created a niche online market for their organically cultivated produce and its value-added products.

Speaking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of a workshop on the India High Range Mountain Landscape project here, Ms. Pavithra says they never sell their paddy produce to agencies such as Supplyco. Instead, they sell processed rice and value-added products such as rice flakes, rice powder, etc., to consumers directly using online platforms.

Organic living: Pavithra and Mohammed Rinas during the preparation of their field for farming. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Selling the produce to Supplyco will not do any good for us. But these rice varieties and their value-added products have high demand among consumers. So we decided to stack our harvest and sell them after turning them to value-added products based on demand from consumers," says Mr. Rinas.

While the normal Uma rice variety fetches a yield of 3,000 kg per acre, the yield of Rakthashali is about 800-1,000 kg per acre. But if converted to ready-to-eat rice, it will fetch a price up to ₹250 per kg due to its medicinal value. The difference in yields can be compensated with high prices.

Hence, the farming of traditional varieties will become profitable only if there is a niche market for these products and the main risk involved in the process is finding a separate market for these organic produces, says Mr. Rinas.

Police rescue 6 tribals confined to a house in Maharashtra

The accused demanded fulfilment of deal to supply ganja

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHINTAPALLI

Six tribal persons allegedly confined to a house by a man from Osmanabad district in Maharashtra have been rescued by a police team from Alluri Sitharama Raju (ASR) district. The police arrested the accused under IPC sections of kidnapping, abduction, wrongfully restraining and confining, causing grievous hurt, slavery and criminal intimidation.

The accused and the rescued tribals were presented before the media by Tushar Dudi, Additional Superintendent of Police, Chintapalli, on Wednesday. The arrested was identified as Subhash Anna Pawar, a resident of Wangi in Bhum taluk in Osmanabad district. Mr. Tushar said the complainant, Pangi Kesava Rao of Ebulam in ASR district, had met the accused in the Rajahmundry Central Jailin 2020. After obtaining bail, Subhash had visited Kesava's house in December 2021 and enquired about ganja smuggling. Later, Kesava introduced Subhash to his brother Govardhan and another person Gollori Haribabu, who promised Subhash to supply ganja. Subhash struck a deal and had given ₹8 lakh as advance.

Later, as Haribabu and Govardhan were trying to smuggle about 1,700 kg of ganja in a van, they were caught at Kirlampudi in December 2021. Govardhan, however, managed to escape. No sooner did Govardhan return to his village, Subhash took him to his house in Osmanabad and confined him there.

As Govardhan did not return home, Kesava, on June 20 this year, had taken Govardhan's wife Dhana Laxmi and son Sandeep (2); his wife Yashodhamma and son Tarun (4); and other relatives Vanthala Chitti Babu and Ramana, to Subhash's house and demanded the release of Govardhan .

Blaring red

The Udaipur killing marks a turn for the worse in the communal situation

The gruesome killing of Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur in Rajasthan by two persons who have apparently acted in defence of their Islamic faith has, far from offering any reassurance to their community, made it even more vulnerable. The manner in which the violence was captured on camera and circulated, the premeditated nature of the murder itself, and the celebration that followed – all point to the peak of a communal volcano that India has climbed up through a relentless campaign of political parties and a cohort of pathetically irresponsible television anchors. The Rajasthan police have acted with alacrity and arrested the criminals, whose trial and punishment must be quick and exemplary. The State deserves credit for swift action, although the police should have been alive to the threat faced by Kanhaiya Lal. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot who has noted the deteriorating situation, of communal hostility, in several parts of the country has requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to issue an appeal for peace. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), on the contrary, has accused the Congress in Rajasthan of appeasement of a community – in a reference to Muslims, who are at the receiving end of police violence and discriminatory policy at the national level and in many States. The Udaipur killing marks a major turn in the communal situation in India, and could potentially trigger more such violence.

No violence can be condoned; sadly, in India, some of the arms of the state are among the perpetrators. The clamour from BJP followers for collective punishment of Muslims – which the party's governments in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Assam, for instance, are doing anyway – has become louder, aided by the party's official policy, following the Udaipur killing. An uneven application of law has led to serious disenchantment among Muslims. While Hindutva violence is being promoted and protected by the state in several instances, Muslims have been at the receiving end of police highhandedness even when they seek legal remedies for grievances. A significant section of the citizenry losing faith and hope in the rule of law can trigger chaos and anarchy that will self-perpetuate at a huge cost to the nation. Needless to say, enemies of the nation will be waiting in the wings to take advantage. Udaipur must act as a chilling tale of caution. The BJP governments do not seem to see any merit in observing constitutional niceties and equality before the law. But the party must dial down its dangerous communal frenzy – so that the very nation that it avowedly proclaims to protect does not fall into a cauldron of endemic violence.

Theatre of the absurd

Zubair's arrest is another instance of the Centre's characteristic intolerance

Mohammed Zubair, co-founder of fact-checking website Alt News, is being made to pay for his role in drawing wide attention to the vile remarks made on live television by a ruling party spokesperson that caused international embarrassment to the Government. The inherent absurdity of the charge – that he sought to incite enmity between groups and insult religious feelings by sharing four years ago an image from a 40-year-old film – and that the complainant is a pseudonymous Twitter handle – make it clear that this is nothing but the establishment's vengeance playing out as a criminal case. Mr. Zubair's arrest is yet another instance of the regime's characteristic intolerance, and its resentment towards fact-checkers who frequently expose its claims. This reflects its well-demonstrated antipathy to anyone seeking to counter majoritarian bigotry. It is also consistent with the ongoing trend of targeting minority activists, ranging from administrative excesses such as demolition of houses of protesters and imprisonment of activists based on charges conjured up by the police and investigative agencies. Mr. Zubair and his website have been active in highlighting flagrant instances of hate speech, and the genocidal tenor of some rants at anti-minority conclaves. The objective, it appears, is not merely his prosecution for an alleged slur against the Hindu god Hanuman, but to embark on a lengthy spell of persecution.

The case itself will be seen in most jurisdictions as a prank rather than a prosecution. The image he had shared is from a film sequence that shows a couple finding to their dismay that 'Honeymoon Hotel' had been revised to 'Hanuman Hotel', apparently conveying a message that it is not open to couples. The idea that this is an insult to Lord Hanuman is breath-taking in its absurdity, as there is no insinuation against the deity. That a magistrate entertained the FIR as well as granted police custody might seem shocking. But in times when even constitutional courts are seen as cooperating with the executive when it comes to restrictions on the freedom of citizens, it would have been a miracle if the magistracy had not followed suit. However, any judicial examination of the FIR would show that neither Section 153A nor Section 295A is attracted. How something said four years ago will incite enmity is beyond anyone's comprehension. The Supreme Court has laid down that Section 295A punishes only insults to religion that are made with deliberate and malicious intention, and anything said unwittingly or without malice is not an offence. Mr. Zubair's arrest has invited condemnation even beyond India. It is unfortunate that the Government wants to be seen as protective of free speech and democratic values abroad, but does not mind the odium that the hounding of or crackdown on activists and journalists invites. Instead of perpetuating this travesty of justice, the Government should see reason, drop the spiteful case and release him.

Zakia Jafri and the constitutional conscience

In the struggle against impunity, the Constitution and a judiciary with a robust 'constitutional conscience' are key

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On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of India delivered a 452-page judgment in the case of Zakia Ahsan Jafri vs State of Gujarat, which has far-reaching implications for our understanding of constitutional morality and the rule of law in a constitutional democracy. The arrests of human rights defender and co-petitioner Teesta Setalvad, and former Gujarat police officer R.B. Sreekumar followed close on the heels of the judgment as if on cue to put all those who had (to quote from the judgment) 'the audacity to question the integrity of every functionary involved in the process of exposing the devious stratagem adopted (to borrow the submission of the learned counsel for the Special Investigation Team [SIT]), to keep the pot boiling, obviously, for ulterior design... in the dock and proceeded with in accordance with law' – Ms. Setalvad, Mr. Sreekumar and (another former IPS officer) Sanjiv Bhat (who has been in custody) are named several times with words such as 'vengeance', 'tirade', 'persecution' and 'disgruntlement' liberally used to describe them – the 'aggrieved party' in this account is the state.

The judgment reproduces at length the assertions of the SIT. Two senior advocates appointed as *amicus curiae*, advocate Prashant Bhushan and advocate Rohinton Fali Nariman (as he was then) withdrew in quick succession. The third, advocate Raju Ramachandran, submitted a separate report, parts of which are reproduced in the appendix. This report (although given no weight by the SIT with the Supreme Court following suit) nevertheless gives us a window into how constitutional sensibilities might be deployed in a case such as this against the odds. In all this, by deflecting judicial ire onto Ms. Setalvad, Mr. Sreekumar and Mr. Bhat, Zakia Jafri ends up being portrayed as a victim of diabolical activists rather than as a survivor of mass murder.

A tenacious fight

The complainant, Zakia Ahsan Jafri, is the wife of Ehsan Jafri, a politician, who was brutally murdered in the violence against Muslims that engulfed Gujarat in February-March 2002. As someone who suffered profound loss and yet tenaciously fought for redress over 20 years, staking an unswerving claim to justice under the Constitution of India, knowing each moment that the battle is unequal and weighted against her, and yet staying steadfast to her purpose, she is an exemplar for the women of India. And no court, no judge, no leader, no public can take that away. Her courage is indelibly imprinted in the history of the struggles of human rights defenders in this country, and indeed the world. The loss of a case does not negate her experience or her testimony. It remains a fact that Ehsan Jafri was killed by a murderous mob because he was Muslim.

Jafri was not alone. Gulberg Society, where he lived and died, witnessed one of the worst mass killings in February-March 2002. This is not denied by the Supreme Court in its judgment. Take the Court's statement of facts of the case: 'a violent mob attacked the

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inhabitants of Gulberg Society, Meghaninagar, killing 69 persons at the stated location including the husband of appellant – Zakia Ahsan Jafri, who had unsuccessfully attempted to dissuade the mob' (pg.6).

Based on her experience, Ms. Jafri filed a complaint that named 63 people, including the then Chief Minister of Gujarat, of a conspiracy to commit mass murder of Muslims in the State. While bringing on record the fact that there were administrative lapses that resulted in uncontrolled violence and deaths of Muslims in the State – 'there was widespread violence bordering on failure of the State machinery to prevent and control the same including to arrest all the perpetrators of the crime and undertake fair investigation' – the Supreme Court categorically rejected the argument that there was a larger conspiracy that fuelled this administrative inaction recommending 'the dock' for this 'audacity'.

What is material to our purposes as human rights defenders, however, is that the violence remains on record, as does the acknowledgment of Ms. Jafri's complaint that linked her personal tragedy to the political circumstances in which it was embedded. We are free to differ from the Court in the conclusions we draw from these events. And we can continue to hope audaciously to persuade the Court to remember the Constitution in the 'struggle of memory against forgetting', to quote Milan Kundera.

When people suffer state violence, in the form of encounters, custodial torture, custodial death, rape in custody, absence of due diligence in the prevention of targeted violence, incitement to violence, and when they are in the chokehold of state impunity, it is human rights defenders (lawyers, activists, journalists) whose support ensures constitutional redress and the assertion of rights under Article 21. Courts would have no occasion for a Justice H.R. Khanna to dissent (in the ADM Jabalpur case), if human rights defenders were not staking everything to provide legal representation, survivor support and witness protection.

A court that eulogises Justice Khanna (as this court did in 2017) can scarcely afford to criminalise human rights defenders. For its own sake. And the line between triggering arbitrary state action and asserting the rule of law within the remit of the Constitution must always remain exceedingly bright at all times at all costs, if the Constitution of India is to be saved. Counter questions of ulterior motives of human rights defenders can never adequately answer the questions they raise about arbitrary state practice. It is by now a well-worn custom for the state to habitually assault the credibility of defenders by taking easy recourse to labelling.

The essence

Coming as it did on the eve of the Emergency anniversary, from the very court that had less than five years ago resurrected the right of citizens to protest, to dissent, to be free from state surveillance and arbitrary arrests, this turn in the life of the Constitution in India is nothing short of tragic. This was the same court that declared that Justice Khanna's dissent (*ADM Jabalpur*) 'must be accepted, and accepted in reverence for the strength of its thoughts and the courage of its convictions' (*Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Retd) vs Union of India*, 2017, paragraph 120).

The words of the Court here are worthy of recall and guide this short reflection: 'A constitutional democracy can survive when citizens have an undiluted assurance that the rule of law will protect their rights and liberties against any invasion by the state and that judicial remedies would be available to ask searching questions and expect answers when a citizen has been deprived of these, most precious rights' (*ibid*). It is the judiciary then, in its role as the sentinel on the *qui vive*, that must provide constitutional succour to them. For, we have seen repetitive cycles in which states forever veer towards arbitrariness, illegal practices and authoritarianism; each new dispensation reinvents the means and bolsters the ends of injustice.

In the struggle against impunity then, it is to the Constitution and a judiciary with a robust 'constitutional conscience' that citizens will turn. The question that is foregrounded in Zakia Jafri's case is not about the state – that is already in the realm of established facts. It is about the recovery of lost ground by constitutional courts. For the Constitution belongs equally, if not more, to the people. It is a shared commons. And 'we the people' shall not be dispossessed of our constitution so easily.

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The anti-defection law — political facts, legal fiction

The crisis in Maharashtra and even earlier instances are grim reminders of what the Tenth Schedule can and cannot do

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In the din of India's electoral politics, floor crossing by legislators rarely goes out of public discourse. The practice of legislators from changing political parties during their term continues unabated in Indian legislatures despite the Tenth Schedule having been inserted into the Constitution in 1985. Commonly known as the 'anti-defection law', it was meant to arrest the practice of legislators from changing political affiliations during their term in office. The political crisis in Maharashtra, and many others before it, are grim reminders of what the Tenth Schedule can and cannot do.

Law on defections, 'mergers'

Instances of floor crossing have long gone unchecked and unpunished. In part, this can be attributed to the exemption given to mergers between political parties which facilitate bulk defections. In 2019, MLAs in the Goa Legislative Assembly from the Indian National Congress (INC) and the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP), crossed over to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The Speaker of the Assembly as well as the Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court dismissed the pleas seeking disqualification of these MLAs. Both these authorities held that because the MLAs formed two-thirds of their respective legislature parties, disqualification under the Tenth Schedule was not possible. In other words, there was a "deemed merger" of the INC and the MGP with the BJP.

The second paragraph of the Tenth Schedule allows for disqualification of an elected member of a House if such member belonging to any political party has voluntarily given up membership of their party, or if they vote in the House against such party's whip. Paragraph 4 creates an exception for mergers between political parties by introducing three crucial concepts – that of the "original political party", the "legislature party", and "deemed merger". A "legislature party" means the group consisting of all elected members of a House for the time being belonging to one political party, whereas an "original political party" means the political party to which a member belongs (this can refer to the party generally, outside of the House). Interestingly, Paragraph 4 does not clarify whether the original political party refers to the party at the national level or the regional level, despite the fact that that is how the Election Commission of India recognises political parties.

How does Paragraph 4 then approach mergers? Paragraph 4 is spread across two sub-paragraphs, a conjoint reading of which suggests that a merger can take place only when an original party merges with another political party, and at least two-thirds of the members of the legislature party have agreed to this merger. It is only when these two conditions are satisfied that a group of elected members can claim exemption from disqualification on grounds of merger.

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The reality

Paragraph 4 , however, is drafted in such a convoluted way that it renders itself open to multiple interpretations. The second sub-paragraph (of Paragraph 4) says that a party shall be "deemed" to have merged with another party if, and only if, not less than two-thirds of the members of the legislature party concerned have agreed to such merger. Given that in most cases there is no factual merger of original political parties at the national (or even regional) level, Paragraph 4 seems to be creating a "legal fiction" so as to indicate that a merger of two-third members of a legislature party can be deemed to be a merger of political parties, even if there is no actual merger of the original political party with another party. At least that is how High Courts in India are interpreting the merger exception.

In statutory interpretation, "deemed" has an established understanding. The word "deemed" may be used in a law to create a legal fiction, and give an artificial construction to a word or a phrase used in a statute. In other cases, it may be used to include what is obvious or what is uncertain. In either of these cases, the intention of the legislature in creating a deeming provision is paramount.

What could Parliament's intention have been in creating a legal fiction under Paragraph 4? The merger exception was created to save instances of the principled coming together of political groups from disqualification under the anti-defection law, and to strike a compromise between the right of dissent and party discipline. In the absence of mergers of original political parties, the deeming fiction could, presumably, be used as a means to allow mergers of legislature parties. However, reading Paragraph 4 in this manner would empower legislature parties to solely merge with another party, and thus, practically ease defection. Defection gets easier in smaller legislative assemblies, where even a sole member can account for two-thirds of the legislature party's strength to cross the floor without attracting disqualification.

On the other hand, what happens if both sub-paragraphs of Paragraph 4 are read conjunctively? For a valid merger then, an original political party has to first merge with another political party, and then two-thirds of the legislature party must support that merger. Practically speaking though, this would yield potentially absurd results. Given the politics of current times, stark differences in parties' respective ideologies, and deep-seated historical rivalries, it is unimaginable how a merger between major national or regional parties would materialise.

Neither of these two interpretations complement the 'mischief' that the Tenth Schedule was expected to remedy – that of curbing unprincipled defections which endanger the foundations of our democracy. Presently, while individual Members of Legislative Assemblies remain vulnerable to disqualification for crossing the floor, group defections remain exempt. The criticisms levelled against the exemption given to splits in political parties - that it facilitated defection by groups - applies equally to mergers.

Revisit, if not delete

In a situation where either reading of Paragraph 4 in its current form yields undesirable results, its deletion from the Tenth Schedule is a possible way forward. This thought is hardly novel, for the Law Commission in 1999 and the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution ((NCRWC) in 2002 made similar recommendations. Till that happens, an academic revisiting of the Tenth Schedule by the Supreme Court, so as to guide future use of the anti-defection law, is timely and should happen soon. That would do a world of good for democracy in India.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Both brutal and a sign

The Udaipur incident, of the beheading of the 40-year-old man at his shop, has grossly shaken the conscience of the nation. Such a brutal act is highly reprehensible. Community leaders must condemn the act without any 'ifs and buts', as there is no scope for any justification. It is beyond belief that a few elements can resort to such a crime and even broadcast it. What we need to understand is that any grievances have to be resolved through constitutional and democratic means and not through fundamentalism (Page 1, "Man killed for post backing Nupur Sharma", June 29).

ABDUL RAHMAN,
Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh

■ The ISIS style barbaric murder is deeply shocking and must be condemned by all. At this crucial moment, all parties, especially the national parties, must appeal for calm and peace. There should be no attempt at mud-slinging. The perpetrators must be punished severely. That the law is working, and working swiftly, should serve as a strong deterrent to peace breakers.

JANGA BAHADUR SUNUWAR,
Bagrakote, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal

■ How can a person show hatred towards another human in this way? The Government and the police must take this very seriously and act on priority. There must be severe punishment.

SHIVAM AMBWANI,
Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh

■ The beheading is horrifying and also a very cold reminder of the extent of polarisation taking place in society, perhaps across India. It is a warning to all leaders across political parties to unite and address the issue of fundamentalism and extremism at once.

MAHESH RALLABHANDI,
Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh

Sena and politics

The floor test in Maharashtra that is being sought may go in any direction but the main issue with the Sena rebels seems to be a lack of attention under the tripartite MVA government. The Sena leadership is at fault for ignoring the interests of senior members. Ideologically, a distinct tripartite coalition seems difficult to continue as well. The Shiv Sena needs to rethink its priorities again.

RAJANI JOSHI,
Karjat, Maharashtra

■ An alliance of ideologically opposed political parties is bound to create problems. Discipline in a political party would prevail only when its leaders pay due regard to the sentiments of their partymen. The Maharashtra crisis only shows what a hard lesson it has been for the leaders.

B. GURUMURTHY,
Madurai

■ The Shiv Sena is at the political crossroads as opportunism has the potential to snowball into a crisis. In fact the party can be said to be more Hindutva than the BJP. During the Ayodhya movement, its leadership had the line "a friend in need is a friend indeed", implying that the Sena's support was indispensable for the BJP's cause. The problem began with the growing acceptability of the BJP, when compared to the Sena for varied reasons. It is akin to the state Bihar's Nitish Kumar finds he is in, despite his wider acceptability. Even if the Sena manages to survive, its 'mistake' of deviation from its core ideology could haunt it.

DHARMARAJAN A.K.,
Thalassery, Kerala

■ The enthusiasm shown by the BJP leaders in asking for a floor test has only strengthened the perception that it is this national party that is backing the actions of the rebel Sena MLAs (Page 1, June 29). That they were also holed up in BJP-ruled Assam only strengthens this.

V.S. SINDHURI,
Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

The Indian challenge in Afghanistan

Intra-Afghan tensions rather than any hostility towards India could impede implementation of projects

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India's record as a 'first responder' is improving by the day. Just 24 hours after a massive earthquake hit Afghanistan, the Indian Air Force moved in with tonnes of relief. That is impressive. It is also badly needed, given that the worst earthquake in 20 years hit a region that has been at war for decades. Desperate people are always open to adopting any means to survive. Apart from India, other countries will soon weigh in with aid. This might be the time to either make friends or renew hostility with old enemies.

Afghan men search for survivors in Gayan, Afghanistan, following the earthquake. •REUTERS

The quake

The massive earthquake was centred around Khost along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, and measured 5.9 on the Richter Scale. Clearly, the Pakistan side would have suffered as well, though there has been no reportage on this in the Pakistani media. Like other news from the tribal areas, this one also appears to have been damped down. The proximity to the affected area also meant that Pakistan was able to send relief aid quickly. Trucks decked with banners entered Afghanistan declaring that the aid was from "the people of Pakistan". Iran also sent relief material by air. Both these efforts and the Pakistan Foreign Ministry's statement expressing condolences were reported by *Xinhua* There was nothing about India's effort. There was also nothing on Qatar, which is in negotiations to manage Kabul, Kandahar and Herat airports.

Stressing "historical and civilizational relationship ties" with the Afghan people, Delhi announced the arrival of a technical team to "closely monitor and coordinate the efforts of various stakeholders" for the effective delivery of humanitarian assistance. This followed the arrival of a delegation led by a senior official to Afghanistan. Afghan officials welcomed not only aid, but called for the restarting of small projects across the country. Prior to this, there were reports that Indian aid was being hoarded and diverted back to Pakistan. This meant that only a fraction of some 50,000 MT of wheat and medicines was actually reaching the country. Delhi seems to have asked for aid to flow through the Iranian route, instead of across Pakistan, so that it would reach Afghanistan. Iran is on board, as was evident during Foreign Minister Dr. Hossein Amir Abdollahian's recent visit to Delhi, where issues discussed included provision of aid to Afghanistan.

Providing relief

Meanwhile, countries are responding to the United Nations' appeal for aid. That includes Taiwan, which has offered $1 million despite not being a member of the world body due to Beijing's objections. Japan, South Korea, and the UAE have also responded to the UN's appeal. The U.S. and its primary agency, the United States Agency for International Development, made brief and similar statements without making any specific commitment. U.S. aid stands at $512,208,314 in the current financial year, after the U.S. Treasury Department broadened the types of activities authorised under U.S. licences, and the UN Security Council allowed sanctions exemption for delivery of humanitarian aid. However, the U.S.'s response indicates the difficulties involved given the broken Afghan banking and financial systems and lack of infrastructure. A range of institutions is involved in actual aid delivery, and U.S. instructions are that all aid should be in cash, since no banks will do business or accept letters of credit to the Afghan central bank (DAB). UN organisations also provide cash, and aid agencies have long had to use reliable local hawala networks for transfers. The main benefit to this is that money is spent within the country, rather than in physical aid sourced from the neighbourhood. The trouble is that a notoriously strait jacketed Finance Ministry will never agree to large-scale Indian aid being spent in this manner. Cash transfers to the DAB are possible, but its own reach to the furthest parts of the country is doubtful.

While 'buy local' may work with food and immediate aid, the requirements for reconstruction, particularly in the present case, will have to be sourced from Pakistan. Pakistan cement companies such as Lucky Cement made their fortunes out of U.S. construction in Afghanistan, of everything from airfields to culverts, when operations were ongoing. A 2004 study reported not just the huge amounts of money being made by all those concerned, but also revealed that Afghan companies were being sidelined in favour of Turkish or Chinese ones in the country.

Also, most UN activity for Afghanistan is slotted through Pakistan. U.S. listings show that major UN agencies and the International Organization for Migration are present in Pakistan, where they are funded to source supplies. This includes smaller NGOs such as Red Crescent or the hundreds of others operating on the ground. Any Indian attempt at reconstruction has to take this reality on board. India also needs to encourage Afghan cement plants and related industries, and ensure optimal use of coal, which is now being exported to Pakistan at cheap prices.

The security issue

Then there exists the ever-present issue of security, which was apparent from the recent attack on a gurdwara in Kabul, apparently by the Islamic State Khorasan (IS-K). The IS-K is a group of many parts, with a presence in the north, along the Pakistan border, and in Kabul. In the north, the Russians accuse the Americans of assisting the group, while in Kabul, the IS-K's worst attack was against withdrawing U.S. troops in August 2021. In recent times, IS-K has become strongly anti-India, along with al-Qaeda, which put out a video where chief Ayman Al Zawahari was seen praising a Karnataka girl for defending the hijab. Even more vicious language was used in the threat made against Nupur Sharma, former BJP spokesperson, for her controversial remarks against the Prophet. A recent UN report notes that both groups are operational, and may see increased recruitment of young men with no alternatives.

India has around 400 projects in all the 34 provinces of Afghanistan. With the Taliban offering protection to foreign embassies, and acting quickly in the recent gurdwara bombing, it is possible that the Indian effort will continue unimpeded. It is also important to remember that the Taliban have never actively been anti-India. Difficulties in implementation are more likely to arise from intra-Afghan tensions rather than any hostility to India.

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A direct approach to conservation

The mobilisation of private and public finance for Payments for Ecosystem Services lacks lustre

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Incentives for biodiversity protection and sustainable use include biodiversity-relevant taxes, fees, levies, tradeable permits, and Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES). Through these economic instruments, governments can affect both public and private financing flows for biodiversity. Mobilisation of biodiversity finance through pesticide levies, admission fees to natural parks, hunting and fishing permit fees, and the trade-in energy-saving certificates has gained governmental support and political will, but the mobilisation of private and public finance for PES has lacked lustre.

Lack of academic research, governmental support, and political will have vexed environmental economists. Despite a solid theoretical foundation and the ability to tether investments more directly to outcomes, the debate revolves around the same issues from two decades: monetisation of environmental benefits, lack of additionality (how much environmental service would have been provided without conditional payments), and so on. In this article, I answer whether this is a missed or a lurking opportunity for biodiversity financing in India.

Increasing ecosystem services

PES is one way to conserve and increase ecosystem services. It works through the establishment of performance contracts. People who can help provide the desired ecosystem service are rewarded based on their actions, or the quantity and quality of the services themselves. PES presents a unique scope for incentivising local land stewards to manage threatened ecosystems. It has the potential to achieve the dual goals of conservation and poverty alleviation towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. This places PES as one of the pivotal economic instruments for conservation.

However, PES has not achieved much attention either in the research or policy mandate in the Indian subcontinent. This is in sharp contrast to the successful implementation of PES in Latin American and African countries. In the Western Cape, South Africa, the CapeNature Stewardship Programme protects biodiversity on private lands. Kitengela, Kenya's Wildlife Conservation Lease Programme, maintains open areas for wildlife and grazing on personal grounds. In terms of raising money, PES programmes such as Costa Rica's Pago Por Servicios and Ecuador's Socio Bosque were among the few to mobilise significant finances.

Why have such economic incentives for ecological restoration not received academic, research, and policy prioritisation? A research paper published in *Science* by Ferraro and Kiss in 2002 argues that any successful PES programme is one that overcomes the impediments to implementation. Such limitations include a solid institutional mechanism capable of simultaneous transfer of funds from buyers to suppliers, monitoring through investment in local capacity building, cost efficiency, the scope for development benefits, and maintaining the sustainability of funds. A local monitoring mechanism is the key to successfully implementing a PES programme. A study (Sardana 2019) conducted in the Kodagu district of Karnataka to restore native trees that grow in the understory of coffee plantations shows a successfully designed local institutional mechanism for PES implementation. However, the PES mechanism is yet to be implemented or even tested for efficacy. The results of such studies offer support for potential research funding in restoration financing. Impact evaluation studies that evaluate financial instruments' performance in attaining biodiversity are also important. The OECD (2019) Biodiversity: Finance and the Economic and Business Case for Action highlighted the importance of evaluating financial instruments' performance in attaining biodiversity goals. According to recent OECD research, few thorough impact evaluation studies have been done for terrestrial biodiversity and fewer for ocean/marine biodiversity. The OECD advocates comprehensive impact evaluations and the formulation of strategic criteria to help determine which policies or initiatives warrant more scrutiny.

Additionally, a strong policy thrust, such as the TEEB India Initiative highlighting the economic consequences of the loss of biological diversity, would help prioritise ecosystem restoration financing through a direct approach. A global initiative such as the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative to mobilise private sector finance to benefit people and the environment would help maintain the funds. The cheapest way to receive anything you desire is to pay for it directly. This would allow the country to effectuate the nation's commitments to achieving the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and the Paris Agreement on climate change.

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STATE OF PLAY

The caste boomerang

The textbook controversy is unexpectedly hindering the BJP's efforts to garner Vokkaliga votes

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A year ahead of the Karnataka Assembly elections, the exercise to revise school textbooks appears to have pushed the ruling BJP into an uncomfortable spot, after complaints were raised that cultural and religious icons of specific castes were being "insulted" in revised lessons. The party is feeling the heat particularly in the Old Mysore region, where the land-owning Vokkaligas dominate the political narrative, after the opposition Congress and JD(S) upped the ante on this issue. The BJP's perceived gain after its efforts at polarisation through the hijab, halal and azaan issues seems to have been overtaken by the controversy over the "insults" to Vokkaliga icon Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, the founder of Bengaluru, and Jnanpith award-winning writer Kuvempu.

The timing of the controversy has put the BJP on the back foot as it has been attempting to make inroads into the Vokkaliga heartland in recent times. The party, which relies on Lingayat support in north Karnataka and is confident in polarised coastal Karnataka, realises that it is hard to secure a majority in the 224-member House without considerable gains in the Old Mysore region. The Vokkaligas constitute about 12% of the State population, as per the leaked caste Census. They are said to be electorally significant in87 Assembly constituencies across 11 districts in Old Mysore region.

The BJP won the bypoll at K.R. Pet in Mandya district in 2019 and hoped to replicate this success in at least a few more Vokkaliga-dominated constituencies in the next Assembly elections. While the urban-based Vokkaliga leaders of the BJP have made no dent in the hinterland so far, the party is also said to be toying with the idea of having a Vokkaliga as the State president though there are other caste interests to contend with. Party insiders believe that the "unwanted controversy" over textbooks has hindered the party's plans in the region.

Triggering angry reactions were allegedly truncated lessons related to Kempegowda and Kuvempu, and an insult to the State anthem penned by Kuvempu by the committee chairman Rohith Chakrathirtha in 2017. Though Kuvempu commands Statewide respect, political and religious leaders of the Vokkaliga community see this also as an insult to the caste. The Congress and JD(S), traditional rivals in Old Mysore region, have kept the issue centre stage.

While the textbook controversy began in the academic circles, with questions being raised over saffronisation of textbook content at the behest of the RSS, it took a different hue after KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, a Vokkaliga leader, and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy, both of whom are jockeying for the Vokkaliga votes, also foregrounded the caste angle. JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda also threw his weight behind the protests.

Stung by the community reaction, the BJP went into damage control mode. It asked Education Minister B.C. Nagesh to meet the powerful Adichunchanagiri mutt seer, Nirmalanandha Swamy, to convince him that the community had not been insulted. It chose Kannada actor Jaggesh, a Vokkaliga, for the Rajya Sabha seat, ignoring claims of many seniors. The government even fielded Revenue Minister R. Ashok, a Bengaluru-based Vokkaliga leader, to counter the Opposition. It also instituted the Kempegowda International Award and announced that a statue of Kempegowda would be installed in front of Vidhan Soudha in Bengaluru.

Part of the reason for a vocal Vokkaliga assertion is said to be that the community believes that it was "targeted" during Congress rule and is now again being targeted by the Lingayat-dominated BJP government. With Congress and JD(S) helmed by Vokkaligas, the turn taken by the textbook controversy is a tough battle at the moment for the BJP.

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DATA POINT

Estimating the number of gig workers in India

NITI Aayog has estimated that 68 lakh gig workers were part of the Indian workforce as of 2019-20. They formed 1.3% of the total workforce. About a decade ago, their estimated strength was about 25 lakh. Close to 38% of them were in the organised sector (workers who work in firms with more than 10 employees) and 82.5% of them were part of the informal workforce (workers who do not have a written contract for at least a year). The retail trade sector and transportation sector accounted for 58% of the gig workers in 2019-20. Two occupational segments — drivers and sales persons — together accounted for more than 52% of the gig workers in 2019-20

Estimated number of gig workers in lakh

FY	No. of UPS* gig workers	No. of USS* gig workers	Total gig workers
FY12	24.5	0.7	25.2
FY18	52.1	0.5	52.6
FY19	53.4	0.5	53.9
FY20	67 (1.37%)^	1.1 (0.49%)	68 (1.33%)

* UPS: Usual Principal Status (works major part of the year), USS: Usual Subsidiary Status (works for a shorter period of the year)
^The figures in the brackets are the gig workers as a share of the total workforce in in FY20

Share of gig workers in the organised and unorganised sectors

FY	% in organised sector	% in unorganised sector
FY12	25.9	74.1
FY18	30.6	69.4
FY19	35.7	64.3
FY20	37.6	62.4

Gig workers: Formal and informal share

FY	Formal workers (%)	Informal workers (%)
FY12	16.3	83.7
FY18	18.2	81.8
FY19	18.6	81.4
FY20	17.5	82.5

Who are gig workers?

NITI Aayog filtered workers who fit the following categories to estimate the gig workforce

- Belongs to any of the top 100 cities
- Within the age group of 18 to 45 years
- With an education level ranging between secondary school and graduation
- Belongs to the bottom 75th percentile of monthly per capita consumption expenditure
- Works in the non-agriculture sector

Industrial classification of gig workers in lakhs

The tables list the estimated workers (in Lakh) in FY20 and the change from FY12

National Industrial Classification 2008	2019-20	Change
Manufacturing	6.2	3.9
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supplies	0.2	0.1
Water supply; sewerage, waste management	0.3	0.3
Construction	2.1	1.8
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles	26.5	15.9
Transportation and storage	13	7.8
Accommodation and food service activities	4	2.7
Information and communication	5	3.4
Financial and insurance activities	6.3	3.9
Real estate activities	2.4	2
Administrative and support service activities	0.4	0.2
Other education group	0.5	0.4
Educational support services	1.1	0.4
Total	**68**	**42.8**

Occupational classification of gig workers in lakh

National Classification of Occupation-2004	2019-20	Change
Computing professionals	2.7	2.3
Architects, engineers and related professionals	1.7	1.2
Business professionals	3.8	1.9
Computer associate professionals and optical and electronic equipment operators	1.6	1.2
Finance and sales associate professionals and business services agents and trade brokers	5.2	3.8
Secretaries and clerks	6.2	3.8
Cashiers, tellers and client information clerks	2	1.2
Travel attendants and guides	0.9	0.5
Housekeeping, restaurant services workers and personal care workers	3.9	2.5
Shop and market salespersons	22.8	12.9
Motor vehicle drivers	13	8.5
Street vendors	2.6	1.8
Domestic helpers, cleaners and launderers	1.7	1.1
Building caretakers and cleaners	0.1	0.1
Total	**68**	**42.8**

Source: India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy: Perspectives and Recommendations on the Future of Work, Niti Aayog

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 30, 1972

How TV bombs are guided

Saigon, June 29: Sixteen electronically guided bombs worth $80,000 dropped with pinpoint accuracy on a hydroelectric plant 100 kms north-west of Hanoi this month wrecked three quarters of North Vietnam's power potential. The accuracy of the bombs prevented damage to the large dam very near the power station. The U.S. Air Force at a briefing yesterday disclosed details of its operations with television and laser beam guided bombs which are the main weapon used against bridges, warehouses, railroads, and supply systems in North Vietnam to slow the communist offensive against South Vietnam. The bombs were basically the iron or "dumb" bomb used by the air forces since the second world war, a spokesman said. "It's what's strapped on them that counts," he added. The bombs are either fitted with a television camera or laser beam reading device which is linked through an automatic pilot to movable tain fins. The warhead is then released from under the plane's wing and "flown" to the target. Its electronic pilot corrects the flight to counter wind variations. The more elaborate television guided bomb is equipped with small Japanese made television camera. The co-pilot seated in the back seat of the Phantom monitors the target sight on a television screen in the cockpit. A cross mark on the screen is locked on the target and when the bomb is dropped it will aim for the spot which the co-pilot keeps on his screen, following the bomb to its destination.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 30, 1922

A curious Bill

The relationship between marriage customs and citizenship is the principle involved in a curious Bill which is said to have been introduced in the French Chamber of Deputies. The object of the bill is to make as a condition of French citizenship for natives of Senegal the formal renunciation of polygamy. By a law of 1833 all free persons of Senegal, as of other French colonies, were accorded civil and political rights. In Senegal the great majority of natives are Musalmans and they have been allowed to follow their own customs and laws according to the Koran, including polygamy, while exercising their right to vote in the colony. This, however, did not prevent the Chamber and Senate from voting in 1916 that natives of the communes of Senegal enjoying civic rights were French citizens.

FROM PAGE ONE

Uddhav resigns after SC denies stay on floor test

The decision in favour of allowing the floor test came after the Governor and the dissident MLAs held that delaying the trust vote would be the "anti-thesis of democracy" and "give more time for horse-trading in Maharashtra".

The Thackeray camp argued that the trust vote cannot be held when the disqualification proceedings against 16 rebel MLAs, including Mr. Shinde, were pending and being examined by the Supreme Court. They said the dissidents were an "artificial majority".

Mr. Koshyari in his letter to the government said the "floor test for proving the majority of the Chief Minister is imperative to ensure that the government continues to function with the confidence of the house".

With Mr. Thackeray's resignation, the unique three-party experiment of the MVA, in which the Shiv Sena tied up with the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) has come to an end. The BJP, which is the single largest party in the Assembly with 106 MLAs, is likely to stake claim to form the government.

Several BJP legislators and senior leaders gathered at the residence of former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai and congratulated each other over the collapse of the MVA government. Former Minister and BJP leader Chandrashekhar Bawankule said that "the truth prevailed, finally".

Appeal to workers

Mr. Thackeray, in his address, said, "Those who were promoted by Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray are trying to pull down his son from the CM post. I asked them to come and sit in front of me to discuss. They said they have numbers and if that's the democracy for them, then I am not interested in a democracy that believes in head count."

Mr. Thackeray appealed to party workers to not obstruct the MLAs coming to Mumbai. "I don't want to see your blood on streets," he said.

One of the rebel Shiv Sena MLAs, Bharat Gogawale, on Wednesday night said they will hold meetings at a five-star hotel in Goa where they are staying for the night and discuss their next steps.

Udaipur beheading intended to spread terror and fear: DGP

One of the accused has links with Pakistan-based Dawat-e-Islami, say police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

The investigating agencies in Rajasthan, including the Special Operations Group (SOG) and the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), will extend complete support to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) that has taken over the probe into the murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur on Tuesday.

The police in Udaipur registered a case under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act against the two accused, Mohammed Riyaz Attari and Ghous Mohammed, in addition to the Indian Penal Code provisions.

Director-General of Police M.L. Lather said preliminary investigation indicated that the crime was committed with the objective of spreading "terror and fear".

High alert: Security has been beefed up in Ajmer on Wednesday, a day after the murder of a tailor in Udaipur . • PTI

Mr. Lather said at a press conference here that Ghous had links with Pakistan-based Dawat-e-Islami and he had visited Karachi in 2014. The police have detained three persons in Rajsamand district in connection with Tuesday's incident.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot told reporters in Jodhpur that the killers seemed to have links with "radical elements" at the national and international levels.

"Our experience says that such an extraordinary crime cannot be committed without a connection. A thorough probe will reveal the links and conspiracy," he said.

Mr. Gehlot presided over a high-level meeting on law and order in Jaipur and instructed officials to maintain vigilance in communally sensitive areas. He said the five police constables who arrested the two accused would be given out-of-term promotion.

Prohibitory orders remained in force in all districts of the State and suspension of mobile Internet services was extended till further orders. Stray incidents of violence were reported from several parts of the State on Wednesday.

Rajasthan turning into Talibani State, says BJP

'It's an outcome of appeasement policy'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Wednesday slammed the Congress government in Rajasthan, accusing it of allowing the State to slide into becoming a "Talibani State" over the killing of a tailor, Kanhaiya Lal, allegedly to avenge an insult to Islam.

The tailor was killed at his shop in Udaipur. One of the assailants, who was identified as Riyaz, attacked Kanhaiya Lal with a cleaver while the other recorded the crime on his mobile phone.

Addressing a press meeting at the BJP's national headquarters in New Delhi, former Union Minister and MP Rajyavardhan Rathore said, "Rajasthan is on the way to become a Talibani State under Congress rule. The appeasement of Muslims by Congress has increased the audacity of the 'jihadis' to such an extent that they are openly killing Hindus and threatening the Prime Minister." He held the Ashok Gehlot government squarely responsible for the incident in Udaipur.

Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat too stated that the killing was an "outcome of the policy of appeasement" which, he said, had crossed all limits in Rajasthan.

"This incident is part of a conspiracy to terrorise the civilised society. Mr. Gehlot cannot get away by making flat statements," Mr. Shekhawat said.

Condemning the incident, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav said, "This brutal murder shows that the government is running a 'jungle raj'."

Government hikes GST for household items

Separately, the tax rate on tetra packs has been raised from 12% to 18%, while cut and polished diamonds will now attract GST at 1.5% instead of the prevailing 0.25%.

The GST rate on splints for treating fractures, intraocular lens for those with failing eyesight and ostomy appliances will be reduced from 12% to 5%. The Council has also clarified that Assisted Reproductive Technology and In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) services are covered under the health care services for the purpose of GST exemption, but stem cell preservation services will no longer be tax-free. Hospital room rents over ₹5,000 a day, excluding patients in intensive care units, shall now be taxed at 5%.

Exemptions and concessional rates on several items shall be withdrawn, based on recommendations of a Group of Ministers (GoM) led by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai that were accepted in 'toto' by the Council, said its chairperson and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Responding to concerns that the GST rate changes could feed into the prevalent high inflation, Ms. Sitharaman said inflation was everyone's concern and the Council's decisions were not taken in isolation.

"The elected representatives who are part of the Council are conscious of inflation," Ms. Sitharaman noted.

Steering the first 'regular' meeting of the Council since September 2021, Ms. Sitharaman said reports of three other Ministerial groups were also considered at this meeting, of which two had been ratified.

While Mr. Bommai panel's suggestions on exemptions and tax tweaks for some items were accepted, the GoM has been granted three more months to recommend the larger overhaul of GST rates which would include a possible reduction in the multiple tax slabs and higher tax rates to raise revenue collections from the indirect tax regime that completes five years this week.

'UN comment on arrest of Setalvad unwarranted'

Interference in judiciary, says MEA

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The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Wednesday said the remarks of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR) regarding the arrest of activist Teesta Setalvad were "unacceptable".

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi defended the arrest of Ms. Setalvad, and said the matter was being conducted in "accordance" with law.

The government, however, did not respond to a criticism that came from the office of the Secretary General of the UN following the arrest of journalist and fact checker Mohammad Zubair.

"We have seen a comment by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding legal action against Teesta Setalvad and two other persons. The remarks by the OHCHR are completely unwarranted and constitute an interference in India's independent judicial system," said Mr. Bagchi.

Earlier the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights said, "We are very concerned by the arrest and detention of Teesta Setalvad and two ex-police officers and call for their immediate release. They must not be persecuted for their activism and solidarity of the victims of the 2002 Gujarat riots."

"Authorities in India act against violations of law strictly in accordance with established judicial processes. Labelling such legal actions as persecution for activism is misleading and unacceptable," said Mr. Bagchi in response.

Earlier, Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson of the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterrez, had made critical observations following the arrest of Mr. Zubair by the Delhi Police for a 2018 social media post.

"Journalists should not be jailed for what they write, what they tweet and what they say," said Mr. Dujarric. The Ministry of External Affairs did not respond to that comment.

A Twitter account disappears in mystery

It had raised the complaint against Alt News co-founder Mohammad Zubair

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NEW DELHI

The Twitter account that raised a complaint against Alt News co-founder Mohammad Zubair's 2018 tweet on the social media website, which led to the case against the journalist and his eventual arrest by the Delhi Police on Monday, has ceased to exist as of Wednesday evening.

This comes a day after Mr. Zubair's counsel Vrinda Grover had raised doubts about the account and the motives of the person operating it while arguing against the extension of his police custody in a Delhi court.

The account was operating under the handle "@balajikijaiin" and went by the name "Hanuman Bhakt". It had been created in October 2021, but the first tweet posted from the account appeared on June 19 this year, based on which an officer of the Delhi Police Special Cell's IFSO (Intelligence Fusion Strategic Operations) Unit had registered the FIR against Mr. Zubair on June 20. Till then, this was the only post made by this account.

Mohammad Zubair, centre, seen in a police vehicle after being produced in a court in New Delhi on Tuesday. • AP

Ms. Grover had made these submissions before a city court on Tuesday, raising suspicion on how the police "magically picked up" this particular tweet to note the four-year-old post of Mr. Zubair's which is at the centre of the case for which he has now been arrested.

Mr. Zubair's March 2018 tweet had posted an image from a Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) approved 1983 Hindi film *Kissi Se Na Kehna*, which showed a hotel's name being changed from *Honeymoon Hotel* to *Hanuman Hotel*. Mr. Zubair had posted this image with the text, "Before 2014: Honeymoon Hotel; After 2014: Hanuman Hotel". While the police submitted that Mr. Zubair had allegedly "edited" the image, Ms. Grover had said the image in question was not manipulated in any way and was taken from the film.

Questioning the motivation of the person operating the "Hanuman Bhakt" account, which had revived the 2018 tweet by retweeting it this year, Ms. Grover had said, "If an anonymous Twitter handle chose to create mischief after four years, I think those reasons should be investigated."

The police, through the substitute additional public prosecutor, had then rebutted this line of argument by saying, "It is not anonymous. His details are there. No one can open a Twitter account without providing their details."

Two more posts

Apart from the first post, at least two more posts were made from this account – one that asked people to follow him on the social media website (made at 5.06 p.m. on June 27) and the other one calling for action against Alt News co-founder Pratik Sinha (made at 12.51 a.m. on June 28) – before it was deactivated.

The latest tweet, calling for Mr. Sinha to be prosecuted, followed a similar pattern. It had picked up a 2015 tweet of his and retweeted it, tagging the Delhi Police IFSO Unit's Twitter handle and asking it to "kindly take action" for "openly hurting religious freedom of Hindus".

A senior police officer told *The Hindu* that the activities of the Twitter account @balajikijaiin were not being investigated.

ISRO set to launch three satellites today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The 25-hour countdown for the launch of the Indian Space Research Organisation's second dedicated commercial mission of NewSpace India Ltd., began on Wednesday. The PSLV-C53, the 55th flight of ISRO's workhorse launch vehicle, will carry on board three satellites from Singapore.

The satellites – DS-EO, a Singaporean Earth Observation Satellite, NeuSAR, Singapore's first small commercial satellite carrying a SAR payload, and SCOOB-I satellite from the Nanyang Technological University – will be launched at 6.02 p.m. on Thursday from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

On the draw

India-Australia defence talks in Dehradun

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Armies of India and Australia held the ninth Army to Army Staff Talks in Dehradun on Wednesday which were focused on joint military exercises, training cooperation and preparing a roadmap for enhanced defence cooperation, the Army said in a statement.

Talks were held at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) and both sides reviewed the road map for activities promoting defence cooperation like training courses between both the Armies, cadet exchange programmes between pre-commission training academies, bilateral ex Austra hind, subject matter expert exchange in niche domains, functional and high level visits, interaction between think tanks, virtual interactions in field of medical and doctrinal exchanges, the Army said.

The Australian delegation is on a visit to India from June 25 to July 1.

The Australian delegation also visited Infantry Division based at Dehradun, Bengal Engineer Group Centre Roorkee, Wargame Research and Development Centre, Delhi and Centre for Land Warfare Studies.

The two countries are set to commence the General Rawat Young Officer Exchange Programme in the latter half of 2022.

Initial probe finds Pak. link in Udaipur murder

Pakistan on Wednesday rejected the reported insinuation in India that the accused in the murder case was linked to a Pakistan-based organisation.

"We have seen reports in a segment of the Indian media referring to investigations into the murder case in Udaipur, mischievously seeking to link the accused individuals, Indian nationals, to an organisation in Pakistan. We categorically reject any such insinuations, which are typical of the BJP-RSS 'Hindutva' driven Indian regime's attempts at maligning Pakistan, including by externalising their internal issues through pointing of fingers towards Pakistan. Such malicious attempts will not succeed in misleading the people, either in India or abroad," a Foreign Office spokesperson in Islamabad said.

UAPA provisions

The NIA has invoked provisions of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the case. "The accused persons had also circulated a video of the criminal act in the social media claiming responsibility for the murder in order to trigger panic and strike terror among the masses across the country," the NIA said.

On Wednesday, all the shops in Udaipur remained shut throughout the day as the district administration imposed prohibitory orders across the city and suspended mobile Internet services as a precautionary measure. The localities housing the Muslim community were barricaded and curfew was imposed in the areas falling under seven police stations.

A large number of residents turned up to console the victim's family and shouted slogans demanding that the "traitors of the country be shot dead".

An inconsolable Yashoda, wife of Kanhaiya Lal, said the killers should be eliminated or else they would target others too. Later, waiving saffron flags and raising slogans, the community members took out a four-km-long procession while the body was being taken to the cremation ground. On the way, some protesters hurled stones at a nearby graveyard. The policemen intervened and brought the situation under control.

Webinar on overseas study opportunities held

Expert highlights the need for giving orientation to students before choosing destination

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The importance of selecting courses and colleges abroad based on students' temperament, talents and capabilities was highlighted in the 'Fly to find your dream college – A 360 degree look at overseas study opportunities' webinar organised by Santamonica and *The Hindu* Education Plus on Sunday.

Nicy Binu, Director of Santamonica Study Abroad Pvt. Ltd, said that 2021 saw an exponential rise in the number of students opting to study abroad. "Since they have a lot of options, it is essential to give an orientation about what they can expect from each destination before they decide which one to choose," she said.

She also spoke about futuristic, job-centric and in-demand courses, economical fees offered by various universities and colleges abroad, eligibility criteria, scholarship and financial aid options.

Ms. Nicy further highlighted the post-study career possibilities and permanent residency prospects in countries like the United Kingdom, the U.S.A., Canada, New Zealand, Germany, Australia and Scandinavian countries.

Occupation list

Addressing the students, she advised them to look at the shortage occupation list of each country which is released by the respective government every year, to check if they align with the student's career goals.

A particular emphasis was given to the United Kingdom, Canada and the USA in terms of international work experience, optional practical training visas and relative affordability as they have the highest number of research-intensive universities that make it to the top 100 globally.

(Link to full video: bit.ly/3ytvLZJ)

Decks cleared for renaming two districts

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The Maharashtra Cabinet on Wednesday cleared the decision to rename Aurangabad and Osmanabad districts to Sambhajinagar and Dharashiv, respectively, and passed the proposal to give the name of late farmer leader D.B. Patil to the under construction Navi Mumbai international airport.

Decisions to rename the districts were pending for many years and the Shiv Sena has been demanding the same for years. The Opposition BJP had mocked the Sena in the past questioning when the decision on the same will be taken.

The Congress too moved proposals for renaming. It had demanded renaming of Pune City to Jijaunagar and Sewri-Nhava Sheva trans harbour link to late former CM A.R. Antulay. Congress Minister Sunil Kedar who moved the proposal said that the demand was important and there was in-principle approval to it from the Cabinet.

'Floor test will prevent horse-trading'

SC agreed with Governor, dissident MLAs that delaying it would further damage democracy

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday dashed the hopes of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government to retain power in Maharashtra by refusing to stay a floor test called by Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on Thursday on a request made by Leader of the Opposition and BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis.

This is the second consecutive body blow the Supreme Court has dealt the beleaguered Sena-led government in two days.

On June 27, a Vacation Bench of Justices Surya Kant and J.B. Pardiwala virtually froze Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal's power to proceed with the disqualification of Shiv Sena dissident MLAs led by Eknath Shinde for defection. The dissidents were given extra time till July 12 to respond to the charges.

Wednesday saw the court agree with Governor Koshyari and the dissident MLAs that delaying the floor test would further damage democracy. Holding a floor test in Maharashtra was the sure remedy against horse-trading. Delay of trust vote was the very antithesis of democracy.

Shiv Sena MP Anil Desai with advocate Mahesh Jethmalani after the Supreme Court passed the order on Wednesday. • PTI

"We are not staying the floor test," Justice Kant briefly conveyed the Bench's final order to the warring Shiv Sena factions at 9 p.m. after a four-hour marathon hearing.

During the hearing, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Governor Koshyari, said the "who is the majority in the House is not determined in Raj Bhavan but on the floor of the Assembly where everybody can see".

The court session began with senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, for the Thackeray camp, urging the court to either stay the floor test or unshackle the Deputy Speaker so that he could go ahead with the disqualification proceedings against 16 of a total 39 dissident MLAs.

Mr. Singhvi then said Governor Koshyari showed "undue haste" by calling a floor test when the question of disqualification was pending in the court.

"Floor test was called on June 28 at supersonic speed... Holding a floor test before determining the question of disqualification of the rebels is like plunging into a pool without determining the size of the pool. It is like putting the cart before the horse. The first thing to do in this whole political crisis is to determine who has committed the constitutional sin of defection... The Governor cannot short-circuit the Supreme Court's proceedings or the Deputy Speaker's authority to adjudicate disqualification proceedings... The floor test cannot make these proceedings infructuous," Mr. Singhvi submitted.

'Extraordinary situation'

Justice Kant, speaking for the Bench, observed that the court had intervened on June 27 because it was an "extraordinary situation" in which the Speaker himself was facing action for removal from office.

Mr. Singhvi said the rebel MLAs, facing action for defection, "no longer represent the will of the people".

They should not be allowed to vote.

But Justice Kant asked whether a government, knowing it has lost its majority, could be allowed to use the Speaker to issue disqualification notices "*en masse*".

"When the Speaker himself is under a cloud, should we go ahead and presume that the MLAs are already deemed to have been disqualified," the judge asked.

Senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul, for the Shinde camp, declared "we are the Shiv Sena". They said they have 39 Sena MLAs out of a total 55. "The Thackeray faction is a hopeless minority within the party itself," Mr. Kaul submitted.

He said a pending petition in the Supreme Court questioning the disqualification proceedings cannot stay the authority and discretion of the Governor to call for a floor test.

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav with the four AIMIM MLAs who joined the party in Patna on Wednesday. • PTI

Big jolt to Owaisi, as 4 AIMIM MLAs join RJD

It is single largest party in Assembly

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At a time when the Samajwadi Party lost the Rampur and Azamgarh seats in the bypolls in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh indicating the party's loosening grip over minority votes, four of the five MLAs of Asaduddin Owaisi's All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) on Wednesday joined the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) in Bihar. With 80 legislators, the RJD has now become the single largest party in the 243-member Assembly, leaving behind the BJP at number two with 77 MLAs.

However, hours before the AIMIM MLAs joined the RJD in Bihar, Mr. Owaisi, while addressing a public rally in support of his party candidate in Bhopal for the civic polls, took a dig at former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath for "failing to keep his party's flock together in the State".

The four AIMIM MLAs who joined the RJD in the presence of Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav are Mohammad Shahnawaj Alam, Jokihat; Mohammad Anzar Nayeemi, Bahadurpur; Mohammad Izhar Asfi, Kochadhaman; and Syed Ruknuddin Ahmad, Baisi. Only State AIMIM president Akhtarul Iman remained with the party. In the 2020 Assembly elections, the AIMIM contested 24 seats in Bihar and won five seats.

In March, three out of four Vikassheel Insaan Party MLAs joined the BJP, taking its tally of legislators from 74 to 77 and made it the single largest party in the Assembly. In the 2020 Assembly polls, the RJD got 75 seats. Later it won the Bochaha bypoll, taking its total to 76.

Had slammed SP

Significantly, reacting to the SP's defeat in the recent bypolls, Mr. Owaisi had termed the party "useless". He had tweeted, "the results of Rampur and Azamgarh elections clearly show that the Samajwadi Party has neither the ability nor the capability to defeat the BJP. Muslims should now, instead of wasting their valuable votes on such useless parties, create their own independent political identity and decide their fate themselves".

Congress leaders spar on Twitter over Agnipath

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Union Ministers Jairam Ramesh and Manish Tewari on Wednesday sparred on social media after Mr. Ramesh took to Twitter to distance Mr. Tewari's views on the Agnipath recruitment scheme from that of the Congress party.

Mr. Tewari had written an opinion piece to argue that the scheme is part of a larger process of reform and modernisation of the defence forces.

Mr. Ramesh tweeted that "While @INCIndia is the only democratic party, it must be said his [Manish Tewari] views are entirely his own & not of the party..." Mr. Tewari said, "The tag line of the article does say - The views are personal."

Vice-Presidential poll on Aug. 6

Venkaiah Naidu's term is ending on August 10

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Wednesday announced that the election to the post of the Vice-President will be held on August 6, as M. Venkaiah Naidu's term was coming to an end on August 10.

The electoral college for the poll will comprise 233 Rajya Sabha members, 12 nominated Rajya Sabha members and 543 Lok Sabha members. The EC said the list would be updated if the 51 vacant Rajya Sabha seats and seven nominated members are filled or named during the election process.

The Lok Sabha Secretary-General would be appointed the Returning Officer.

According to the schedule that was finalised at a meeting of the EC, chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and attended by Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey, the notification would be issued on July 5.

Secret ballot

The last date for filing nominations would be July 19, the date of scrutiny would be July 20 and the last date for withdrawal of candidature would be July 22. Polling and counting, if necessary, would be held on August 6.

"The Constitution has expressly provided that election to the office of Vice-President shall be by secret ballot. Therefore, the electors are expected to scrupulously maintain secrecy of vote... It is also clarified that political parties cannot issue any whip to their MPs in the matter of voting in the Vice-Presidential election," the EC said.

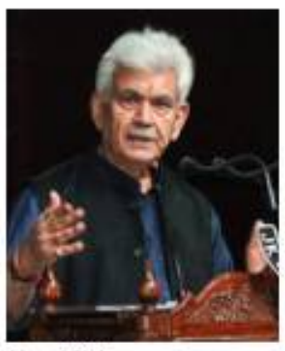
In a first, J&K L-G invites regional leaders for high tea

While Abdullah attended event, Mehbooba stayed away

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday extended an invitation to the regional parties in a first major attempt by the Raj Bhavan in the Union Territory to reach out to local players since J&K's special status was ended in 2019.

The Raj Bhavan invite, according to the leaders, mentions no agenda except for seeking their participation for a "high tea". Top leaders of the National Conference (NC), the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), the Peoples Conference (PC) and the Apni Party (AP) were among those invited.


Manoj Sinha

Main focus on yatra

Sources said the meeting's main focus was the Amarnath yatra and the likely role of the local leaders to ensure a peaceful and smooth conduct of the annual pilgrimage, which will officially start from June 30 in the Kashmir Valley's central and south districts.

Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari, who attended the meeting, said that no unusual hype should be given to the yatra, which is going on for centuries with the help of locals.

Besides NC president Farooq Abdullah and Bukhari, Congress president G.A. Mir, BJP J&K State president Ravinder Raina, chairman Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) Hakeem Yaseen and State president of JD(U) G.M. Shaheen attended the high tea.

"The meeting was about how to make the Amarnath Yatra better as it has resumed after around two years," Mr. Mir said.

The L-G administration made a detailed presentation on how the arrangements made for the Yatra this year.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti skipped the meeting.

The previous meeting between the leaders of the Peoples Alliance for the Gupkar Declaration, which includes NC and PDP, and the L-G was held on May 16amidst growing targeted attacks on members of minority communities.

(With PTI inputs)

Monsoon session likely from July 18

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The monsoon session of Parliament is likely to commence on July 18 coinciding with the Presidential elections, a senior government official said on Wednesday.

The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) is yet to announce the dates. The official stated that the session was likely to conclude by August 12. "The CCPA will meet soon and announce the dates, the notification will be issued later," the official said.

The Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance has nominated former Jharkhand Governor and two-term legislator from Odisha, Droupadi Murmu, as its presidential candidate. She will be facing Yashwant Sinha, former Finance Minister in the Vajpayee government, in the election slated to be held on July 18.

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TENDER ALERT

1) E-Tender Notice No.CPC-01/2022-23: Supply, erection and commissioning of 132kV two phase SC line from existing 132/33 kV GSS, Sonepur to proposed Railway traction sub-station at Sonepur and one (01) no. 132kV feeder bay extension at 132/33kV GSS, Sonepur (Approx. Line length-1.8kM) for power supply to proposed RTSS at Sonepur at an estimated cost of the package for Rs.9.18 Crore in Sonepur district on Turnkey Contract Basis.
Complete set of bidding documents are available on **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal and **www.optcl.co.in.**

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Ref No. MD/PC/APART/E-Tender/2022-23/04 Dated: 30th June, 2022

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Sl. No	Category	Date of publishing tender	Last date of submission of Quotations
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2	Silage Bag (Capacity: 100 Kgs)	02-07-2022	23-07-2022
3	40 Litre SS Milk Cans	02-07-2022	01-08-2022

The details of the E-tender will be published and available at **www.assamtenders.gov.in** as mentioned above. If any corrigendum will be issued, it will be published in **www.assamtenders.gov.in** on or before last date and timing for submission of bid. No separate notification for publication of corrigendum or extension of last date of submission of bid will be made through Newspaper advertisement.

Sd/- Managing Director

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NOTICE No. 06-CECN/MS-2022-E-276559 dated 22-06-2022
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For and on behalf of The President of India, .The Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai 600 008 invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal_**www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

1) Name of the work: Arakkonam — Upgradation and Augmentation of Infrastructural facilities to increase Holding capacity upto 175 Locos in **ELS/AJJ. Approximate Cash Value (Rupees)** ₹87621697.72 **Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees) :** ₹588100 **Period of Completion in Months:** 11. **Closing Date @ 15.30 hrs: 14/07/2022.**

2) Name of the work: Tiruchchirappalli Division - Villupuram - Tiruchchirappalli section. Proposed Road Over Bridge 1 x 45.00m over track span and 1 x 19.04m over non track span, Composite girder in lieu of exg. LC No.206 at Km.284/9 - 285/0 between Sillakudi and Kallagam stations with 4.50 x 3.70m Limited Use Subway. **Approximate Cash Value (Rupees)** ₹ 90064532.05 **Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees) :** ₹600300. **Period of Completion in Months:** 12. **Closing Date @ 15.30 hrs: 14/07/2022.**

3) Name of the work: Request for Proposal (RFP) for appointment of Authority Engineer for providing Project Management Services for Redevelopment of Puducherry Railway Station. **Approximate Cash Value (Rupees)** ₹35030940.00. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees) :** ₹325200. **Period of Completion in Months:** 24. **Closing Date @ 15.00 hrs: 23-08-2022. Pre-Bid Conference Date @ 11.00 Hrs. 11/07/2022.**

For further details, please refer to web site portal **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Construction, E.V.R. High Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

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Executive Engineer (Chamarajpet), BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of work as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive Development Works at Bandi Mutt New Tharagpet Bakshi Garden and Surrounding Areas in Ward No.139	300.00	4,50,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e- Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 05-07-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **14-07-2022 at 4.00 PM. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **16-07-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **18-07-2022 at 4.15 PM. 5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **20-07-2022 at 4.15 PM.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours.

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1. Udagamandalam (Tamil Nadu)
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3. Munnar (Kerala)

Bidder has to apply their bid through Central Public Procurement Portal only (CPP) Portal in the manner indicated in the bid document on or before 21.07.2022 at 17.00 hrs. Bid received other than the CPP Portal online will not be accepted. However, Bid document can also be downloaded from CPP Portal and BIS website **www.bis.gov.in.** Other details available in bid document.

Bid document available / closing date:.

Opening date: 01.07.2022
Closing date: 21.07.2022 (17.00 hrs)

The Bureau reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason.

N. Vittoba
Deputy Director
Administration & Finance

MLA booked for molesting student

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Tripura MLA and former Tribal Welfare Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia has been accused of molesting a woman at Tripura Bhavan here, officers said on Wednesday.

He was detained by the police in connection with the incident and later released. The police said that he has been sent a notice and has been booked under the IPC Section pertaining to sexual harassment.

The incident took place on Tuesday and the woman, a student, alleged that she had been molested by the MLA at the Bhawan.

A senior staffer of Tripura Bhavan has also written to the State government, seeking action.

New norms to revise electoral rolls in J&K, Gujarat, Himachal

Qualifying date is October 1, entries to be linked to Aadhaar

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) this week kicked off a drive to update the electoral rolls in Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, where elections are expected later this year, for the first time allowing those turning 18 as of October 1 instead of January 1 to enrol, and for the collection of Aadhaar numbers of the applicants.

On Wednesday, the EC wrote to the J&K Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), instructing that the ongoing electoral roll revision exercise should be conducted in accordance with the new rules allowing four qualifying dates a year. For J&K, the EC has said the draft electoral roll should be published on September 1, and the final electoral roll on October 31.

The EC wrote to the Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh CEOs on Monday, giving the programme for the revision of rolls to be followed. The EC informed the CEOs to carry out the special revision in accordance with the rules framed under the Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021, which increased the qualifying dates from January 1 every year to January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1, and allowed for Aadhaar-linking with voter ID, that were notified on June 17.

The pre-revision activities would be carried out from Monday till August 10 and the draft electoral roll would be published by August 12, the EC said. The electoral roll would be finalised by October 10, according to the programme.

The two State Assembly elections would also be the first ones where new electors would have Aadhaar-linked voter IDs, but it would not be mandatory.

"The applicant had to furnish Aadhaar Number in Form-6 and Form-8, if he/she is having Aadhaar number, however, no application for inclusion of name in electoral roll shall be denied and no entries in electoral roll shall be deleted for inability of an individual to furnish or intimate Aadhaar Number," the letter said.

Speeding major cause of death: Lancet study

Of the total 1,31,714 deaths due to road accidents, speeding accounted for 91,239 or 69.3%, says Ministry report of 2020

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

Steps taken to check vehicle speed on roads in India could alone have the biggest impact on ensuring road safety by saving 20,554 lives annually, says a new *Lancet* study, which underlines that interventions focusing on four key risk factors such as speeding, drunk driving, non-use of crash helmets and seat belts could prevent 25% to 40% of the 13.5 lakh fatal road injuries worldwide every year.

This is the first study that gives country-specific estimates of the effect of addressing the four main road safety risk factors through interventions for 185 countries.

In India, interventions to check speeding could save 20,554 lives and promotion of crash helmets could save 5,683 lives. Encouraging the use of seat belts can also save 3,204 lives in the country.

The estimate for drunken driving was not available for India because either the percentage of total deaths due to alcohol consumption in the country was not reported or calculations were found to be unstable.

Under-reported figures

The report uses mortality data from Global Burden Diseases, 2017, which are based on modelling and estimated 2,18, 876 deaths due to road injuries in India in 2017, while the Government of India's figures which suffer from under-reporting stood at 1,47,913 for the year.

According to the Road Transport and Highway Ministry's 2020 report, there were a total 1,31,714 deaths due to road accidents, where speeding accounted for 69.3% of deaths (91,239), non-wearing of helmets resulted in 30.1% deaths (39,798) and non-use of seat belts caused 11.5% of deaths (26,896).

Safety check | The table lists the country-wise number of lives that can be saved through interventions in key road safety risk factors. For instance, 20,554 lives can be saved in India every year if steps are taken to check vehicle speed

	Drunk-driving	Helmet use	Speeding	Seat belt use
India	NA	5,683	20,554	3,204
U.S.	5,188	14,121	22,353	2,409
China	248	13,703	88,374	13,228
Mexico	1,072	911	7,532	2,395
S.A.	2,684	176	6,233	3,718
Thailand	652	3,057	6,557	1,872
Turkey	72	202	3,064	1,691

Steps undertaken to reduce speeding such as infrastructure changes and electronic speed control could save an estimated 3,47,258 lives globally each year, while measures to tackle drunk driving such as enhanced enforcement could save a further 16,304 lives. An estimated 1,21,083 and 51,698 lives could be saved by enforcing rules on wearing seat belts and motorcycle helmets, respectively.

Improving seat belt use would have a particularly large effect on reducing road deaths in the United States by saving an estimated 14,121 lives every year and 13,228 lives could be saved in China. Tackling speeding would be the single most effective measure to reduce road fatalities in most countries, preventing an estimated 88,374 deaths in China, 22,353 in the U.S. and 17,898 in Brazil.

Worrying statistics

Road traffic injuries (RTIs) are the eighth leading cause of death globally for all ages and the first cause in the 5-29 years age group.

Close to 14 lakh people die each year, and up to 5 crore are injured by road traffic injuries.

India accounts for almost 10% of all crash-related deaths, while accounting for only 1% of the world's vehicles.

"Given the existing challenges in the field of road safety and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, achieving the ambitious goal of the second Decade of Action for Global Road Safety will be a challenge and will require the global road safety community to act on the implementation of evidence-based actions in different countries. By providing country-specific estimates on the potential lives saved by road traffic interventions, this study highlights the urgency of implementing of a safe systems approach in which specific interventions can effectively address road injury deaths by 2030," the paper says.

The second decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030 sets an ambitious target of preventing at least 50% of road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030 and the Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari aims to halve the numbers for India by 2024.

K.K. Venugopal to remain A-G for 3 more months

His current tenure ends on June 30

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

K.K. Venugopal

Attorney-General (A-G) K.K. Venugopal has been reappointed the country's top law officer for a period of three months, the Law Ministry said in a notification on Wednesday.

Mr. Venugopal, whose current one-year term ends on June 30, agreed to a short tenure following a request from the government.

"The President is pleased to reappoint Shri K.K. Venugopal, Senior Advocate, as Attorney-General for India with effect from July 1, 2022 for a further period of three months or until further orders, whichever is earlier," read the official gazette notification.

In July 2017, Mr. Venugopal, 90, was appointed to succeed Mukul Rohatgi as the A-G.

The government's top law officer has a tenure of three years. However, when Mr. Venugopal's first term was about to end in 2020, he requested the government to give him a one-year tenure keeping in mind his advanced age. Last year too, he was reappointed for one year.

The government was keen that he continued as the A-G in view of the high-profile cases he was handling in the Supreme Court.

SC to hear Jamiat's plea on July 13

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on June 29 scheduled the hearing of a plea on July 13 filed by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, accusing the Uttar Pradesh government of indulging in "retributive" demolition of the properties of persons allegedly linked to the violence following the Prophet remarks row.

A Vacation Bench led by Justice Surya Kant adjourned the case after Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for Uttar Pradesh, informed that the Jamiat had filed a rejoinder only on June 28 with new facts. Mr. Mehta said an affected party had independently approached the Allahabad High Court, and the Jamiat was only a third party litigating the case in the Supreme Court.

Advocate Nitya Ramakrishnan, appearing for the petitioner, agreed to the adjournment.

In a hearing on June 16, the Supreme Court had told the Uttar Pradesh government that demolitions could happen only in accordance with the provisions of the law and could not be retaliatory.

'Not punitive measures'

In an affidavit, the Uttar Pradesh government had maintained that the demolitions were not "extra legal punitive measures" targeting persons of a particular religious community linked to rioting, but routine measures taken by independent local authorities against owners of illegal structures.

63,000 farm co-ops to be digitised

Computerisation will link all credit societies to a common accounting system

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday approved a proposal to digitise around 63,000 primary agricultural credit societies (PACS).

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said that PACS are the smallest unit in the cooperative sector and their computerisation will prove to be a boon for it.

Mr. Shah said the PACS will be digitised at a cost of ₹2,516 crore, which will benefit about 13 crore small and marginal farmers.

The societies will be digitised at a cost of ₹2,516 crore and will benefit 13 crore farmers. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Each PACS will get around ₹4 lakh to upgrade its capacity and even old accounting records will be digitised and linked to a cloud based software.

"In this digital age, the decision of computerisation of PACS will increase their transparency, reliability and efficiency, and will also facilitate the accounting of multipurpose PACS," Mr. Shah said.

The Minister said the software will be made available in local languages for the convenience of the people.

"Along with this, it will also help primary agricultural credit societies (PACS) to become a nodal centre for providing services such as direct benefit transfer (DBT), Interest subvention scheme (ISS), crop insurance scheme (PMFBY), and inputs like fertilizers and seeds," he said.

'G-20 summit expected to be in Delhi'

Reports citing Srinagar as venue had sparked surprise, given security concerns

SUHASINI HAIDAR
PEERZADA ASHIQ
NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR

India is expected to host the G-20 summit in Delhi, while a number of States, including Jammu and Kashmir and north-eastern States, have been asked to suggest venues for about 100 "preparatory" meetings expected to be held between December 2022 and November 2023 during India's G-20 presidency, officials belonging to a number of nodal Ministries said.

While a formal notification is yet to be issued about the "summit venue", the government is likely to hold the G-20 summit, where leaders of the U.S., Russia, China, France, Germany, the U.K., the European Union and other top global economies are expected, at New Delhi's Pragati Maidan complex. Construction for conference halls, and new hotels to house the 20 heads of state and thousands of officials and delegates is already under way, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a nearly ₹1,000-crore Integrated Transit Corridor Project this month to connect the Pragati Maidan headquarters to other key locations, the officials said. However, the officials declined to issue a formal statement, saying it was "too early to discuss the calendar of events and venue" ahead of the summit.

Pakistan's protest

The clarifications came in response to questions being raised over reports in the media about the possibility of holding the summit itself in Jammu and Kashmir. On Wednesday, Pakistan, which had issued a strong protest last week, sent formal demarches to Foreign Ministries in G-20 member-states, asking them not to attend such meetings in what Islamabad described as a "internationally recognised disputed territory".

While the officials involved in the planning of the G-20 confirmed that they had contacted a number of State governments to enquire about the feasibility of holding the pre-summit meetings in their capitals and prominent tourism locations, no locations have been finalised thus far.

"The idea is to hold preparatory meetings of the G-20 on a pan-India basis... and we are involving the State governments in the consultative process," a senior official told *The Hindu* last week, adding that venues would be decided depending on the availability of accommodation and connectivity, as well as other parameters, in each of the locations identified by them.

Letters went out from the Ministry of External Affairs dated June 4 after a meeting convened by Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal attended by Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra, G-20 Chief Coordinator Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy and officials of various ministries, and the tourism industry discussed logistics planning for the G-20.

First batch of 4,890 pilgrims leaves for Amarnath yatra

Over 80,000 troops will be manning the routes in Kashmir

PEERZADA ASHIQ
JAMMU

The first batch of 4,890 pilgrims was flagged off from Jammu towards the Kashmir Valley for the Amarnath cave shrine by Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday, as the yatra will be officially thrown open for pilgrimage on June 30.

Chanting Vedic mantras, the pilgrims left for the Valley around 4 a.m. from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for the Kashmir Valley in a cavalcade of 176 light and heavy vehicles.

Pilgrims waiting to get their registration documents verified ahead of the Amarnath Yatra in Srinagar. • NISSAR AHMAD

The Lieutenant-Governor prayed for peace, prosperity and a safe spiritual journey for pilgrims on the occasion.

The Amarnath Yatra was cut short in 2019 ahead of the Centre's decision to end Jammu and Kashmir's special Constitutional position.

The yatra remained suspended in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government expects the highest footfall in Kashmir this year. Security has been heightened across the Valley. Over 80,000 additional troops will be manning the routes in central and south Kashmir up to the cave shrine.

Round-the-clock vigil

Drones and closed-circuit cameras will maintain a round-the-clock vigil of the areas where pilgrims will be staying.

All pilgrims will be tracked through the radio frequency identification (RFID) tags. At least 35,000 labourers will participate in the pilgrimage.

For the first time, a helicopter service from the Srinagar airport will help pilgrims to have 'darshan' in a day.

Jammu and Kashmir's regional parties, including the National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), have welcomed the pilgrims and asked people to ensure their security.

"The yatra has resumed after two years and I am sure that Kashmiris will welcome them wholeheartedly as always. Despite stringent security measures, including shutting down of shops *en route* the yatra, it's we Kashmiris who provide a real sense of security to the yatris," PDP president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said.

NC leader Shafqat Watali said the yatris embarking on this spiritual journey are "our valued guests". "Standing true to Kashmiri traditions, let us all welcome them. Besides facilitating the pilgrimage and rendering a helping hand, we must provide a sense of security to the yatris," Mr. Watali said.

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Devender Singh Rana described the yatra as "a shining symbol of India's intangible cultural heritage and civilisation".

Militant killed in ongoing Kulgam encounter: police

SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir police on Wednesday said one militant was killed in an ongoing operation in south Kashmir's Kulgam. The police said that an encounter with hiding militants started at Nawapora in the afternoon. The operation is on in the area, the police added.

THE HINDU CROSSWORD + 13596

(set by Dreamer)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site @ *https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn*

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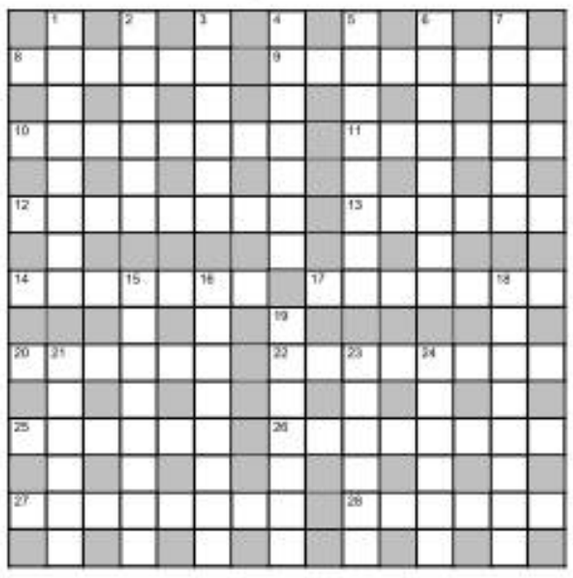

Across

8 Sit oddly before old sound system (6)
9 Old viral poem about lost love (8)
10 Better attendant? (8)
11 Tie note encircling employee's original resume (6)
12 Beef sausage? Nope. Ripe bananas! (8)
13 Lawrence has arm pain (6)
14 Son on vacation provided short name for brandy glass (7)
17 Company backing narrative about source of liquid fuel (4,3)
20 Son went to get a little ornate instrument used in vehicles (6)
22 Are terms amended to produce new version of old recording? (8)
25 Stylish mark covering main part of the cloth (6)
26 Poem by retired salesman is ill-natured (8)
27 Dismiss beautiful woman without sex appeal and talent, primarily (8)
28 Somehow worry about onset of anthracnose in plant (6)

Down

1 Physician gets a piece of tailless fish (8)
2 Champion of the people ignoring principle of "Blessed Trinity" (6)
3 Dutch man at home wearing spectacles and a loose cloak with wide sleeves (6)
4 Condemn attack by Britain after leaders of Ukraine pressurised (7)
5 Title Rob used for book containing words of Opera? (8)
6 Monument spread over Bank of Missouri (8)
7 Request Bill to interrupt German person who is dishonest (3,3)
15 Wild democratic movement to acquire dominance at the centre (8)
16 Crime novel by Christie accepted by English town, needing no introduction (8)
18 Dislike American style (8)
19 Outing permitted for a group of three (7)
21 Hand tool price changed around beginning of November (6)
23 Injure newcomer endlessly and put to death (6)
24 Sad to invite that man without originally offering a drink (6)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to puzzle 13595

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Useful exchanges

We have a tradition of revering Acharyas who have an abundance of knowledge. In fact, a sishya will not ask his Acharya any question, for he knows that if something is ambiguous, his Acharya will give him clarifications. And yet, there have been occasions when sishyas have asked their Acharyas questions. Their Acharyas too have been magnanimous enough to answer them. These fruitful exchanges between teacher and taught have been useful to later generations of devotees in understanding many things, said Akkarakkani Srinidhi in a discourse.

Nanjeeyar used to ask his Acharya Parasara Bhatta questions which the latter answered patiently. One day Nanjeeyar asked Bhatta why the Sastras forbid the offering of Kantakari flowers to Vishnu. Bhatta replied that the Kantakari plant has plenty of thorns, and the Lord is concerned that His devotees, while plucking the flowers, will hurt themselves. The ban on this flower is not because it is unacceptable to Him. It is His concern for His bhakthas that is responsible for the ban on the Kantakari flowers. If Nanjeeyar had not asked his Acharya the question about these flowers, we would not have known why they are not used in worship.

During Ramanujacharya's discourses on Gadya Traya, his disciple Embar asked him how the Lord could have spoken to him. Embar had no doubts that the Lord would have spoken to Ramanuja. His question was in case future generations had any doubts on this score. Ramanuja said that he would not say anything that the Lord had not told him. Whatever he said came from the Lord Himself. Thus we have Ramanujacharya's assurance on the source of his teachings. They come directly from the Supreme One.

Turkey puts SweFin's NATO deal to test

After making way for the countries' entry to bloc, Erdogan seeks extraditions from Finland, Sweden

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ISTANBUL

Turkey said on Wednesday it would seek the extradition of 33 alleged Kurdish militants from Sweden and Finland under a deal to secure Ankara's support for the Nordic countries' NATO membership bids.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan dropped weeks of resistance to the two countries' NATO ambitions at crunch talks held on the eve of an alliance summit on Wednesday focused on Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Mr. Erdogan emerged from the meeting declaring victory after securing a 10-point agreement under which the two countries vowed to join Turkey's fight against outlawed Kurdish militants and to quickly extradite suspects.

Turkey put the deal to the immediate test by announcing that it would seek the extradition of 12 suspects from Finland and 21 from Sweden.

Leaders of Turkey, Finland, Sweden with the NATO Secretary General during the summit in Madrid on Tuesday. • REUTERS

"We will seek the extradition of terrorists from the relevant countries within the framework of the new agreement," Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag said in a statement.

'Fulfill promises'

"We ask them to fulfil their promises," Mr. Bozdag said.

The unnamed suspects were identified as being members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and a group led by a U.S.-based Muslim preacher that Mr. Erdogan blames for a failed 2016 coup attempt.

The European Union and Washington both recognise the PKK as a terrorist organisation because of the brutal tactics it employed during a decades-long insurgency against the Turkish state.

But the agreement also stipulates that Sweden and Finland vow to "not provide support" to the YPG – a PKK offshoot in Syria that played an instrumental role in the U.S.-led alliance against the Islamic State group.

Sweden and Finland abandoned decades of military non-alignment in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and asked to join the U.S.-led alliance in May.

Their applications appeared to be headed for swift approval until Mr. Erdogan stepped in.

The Turkish leader accused Finland and particularly Sweden of providing a haven to Kurdish fighters and financing terror.

Mr. Erdogan also wanted the two countries to lift embargoes on weapons deliveries they imposed in response to Turkey's 2019 military incursion into Syria.

The memorandum appears to address many of Mr. Erdogan's concerns.

It says Finland and Sweden pledge to "address Turkey's pending deportation or extradition requests of terror suspects expeditiously and thoroughly".

"Finland and Sweden confirm that the PKK is a proscribed terrorist organisation," the agreement says.

"Finland and Sweden commit to prevent activities of the PKK and all other terrorist organisations, as well as activities by individuals... linked to these terrorist organisations," it further stated.

Full victory

Mr. Erdogan's office hailed the agreement as a full victory. "Turkey got what it wanted," his office declared in a statement.

Mr. Erdogan also secured the promise of a long-sought meeting with U.S. President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the NATO talks.

U.S. officials told reporters that Mr. Biden was "keen" to improve relations with Turkey after a difficult spell caused in part by Turkey's crackdown on human rights.

Taliban, U.S. officials to meet amid quake relief efforts

Banking, economic sectors of Afghanistan to feature in talks

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ISLAMABAD

Afghan finance and central bank officials from the Taliban-led government departed for Qatar on Wednesday to meet with a U.S. Treasury department official, after last week's deadly earthquake highlighted how critical relief efforts have stumbled under the weight of the country's spiralling economic woes.

Scraping the bottom: Children at a camp after an earthquake in Gayan in Paktika province in Afghanistan on Sunday. • AP

Last week's devastating earthquake in southeastern Afghanistan killed around 770 people, according to UN figures. The UN says 155 children are among those killed.

News of a meeting between Taliban government officials and U.S. officials was confirmed by Taliban Foreign Ministry spokesman Hafiz Zia Ahmad, who said the Afghan delegation will be led by Foreign Minister Maulvi Amir Khan Muttaqi. He said the officials will meet in Doha, Qatar, with the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and officials from the U.S. Treasury Department to discuss Afghanistan's economic and banking sectors.

Deal in the works

The Washington Post first reported on Tuesday that senior Biden administration officials are working with Taliban leadership on a mechanism to allow Afghanistan's government to use its central bank reserves to deal with the country's severe hunger and poverty crises while erecting safeguards to ensure the funds are not misused.

The Biden administration froze some $9 billion in foreign Afghan central reserves after the Taliban seized power in last August, prompting a chaotic and deadly withdrawal of U.S. and NATO allied forces.

Zelensky asks for more arms, money from NATO

'$5 billion needed on a monthly basis'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MADRID

President Volodymyr Zelensky told NATO leaders on Wednesday that Ukraine needs modern weapons and more financial aid in its fight against Russia's invasion.

"We need to break the Russian artillery advantage... We need much more modern systems, modern artillery," Mr. Zelensky told a NATO summit in Madrid via video link.

He added that financial support was "no less important than aid with weapons".

"Russia still receives billions every day and spends them on war. We have a multibillion-dollar deficit, we don't have oil and gas to cover it," Mr. Zelensky said, adding that Ukraine needs around $5 billion a month as part of its defence requirements.

He also called for sanctions on Russia "that will stop its ability to pay for the war".

Washington and Brussels have slapped Moscow with unprecedented sanctions over its invasion of pro-Western Ukraine that President Vladimir Putin launched on February 24.

U.S. to bolster its military in Europe

Posture intended to strengthen security in the wake of Russian attack on Ukraine

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MADRID

President Joe Biden said Wednesday that the U.S. is enhancing its military presence in Europe for the long haul to bolster regional security after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Joe Biden

Meeting with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg in Madrid at the opening of the alliance's annual leaders summit, Mr. Biden said "NATO is strong and united" and that steps to be taken during the gathering will "further augment our collective strength."

Mr. Biden opened his participation in the summit by announcing that the U.S. is establishing a permanent headquarters in Poland, sending two additional F-35 fighter jet squadrons to the United Kingdom and will send more air defence and other capabilities to Germany and Italy.

"Today I'm announcing the United States will enhance our force posture in Europe and respond to the changing security environment as well as strengthening our collective security," he said.

Mr. Stoltenberg, who earlier on Wednesday said the alliance was facing its biggest challenge since World War II, welcomed Mr. Biden's announcement.

"This really demonstrates your decisive leadership and strength in the trans-Atlantic bond," Mr. Stoltenberg said.

Mr. Biden said the U.S. will permanently station the U.S. Army V Corps forward command in Poland, a move that he said would strengthen U.S.-NATO interoperability across the alliance's eastern flank.

The move marks the first permanent basing of U.S. forces on NATO's eastern edge. Mr. Biden added that the U.S. is also stepping up its rotational deployments of troops to the Baltic region.

Mr. Biden announced after arriving for the summit on Tuesday that the U.S. would base two additional destroyers at its naval base in Rota, Spain, bringing the total number to six.

In a first, NATO lays out 'challenges' from China

'Russia most significant threat to allies'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MADRID

NATO on Wednesday, for the first time in its guiding blueprint, said China's might challenges the alliance and Beijing's closer ties to Moscow went against Western interests.

"The People's Republic of China's (PRC) stated ambitions and coercive policies challenge our interests, security and values," NATO's strategic concept published at a summit in Madrid said.

NATO accused China of targeting NATO members with its "malicious hybrid and cyber operations and its confrontational rhetoric".

NATO's guiding document – updated for the first time since 2010 – said Russia was the "most significant and direct threat to allies' security" after its invasion of Ukraine.

Ahead of the unveiling of NATO's new strategy, Beijing already pushed back against the alliance for increasing its attention on Asia. "In recent years, NATO has been pushing for expanding its area and field, advocating group confrontation," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said.

Palestinian militant killed in Israeli raid

ASSOCIATED PRESS
JERUSALEM

Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian militant early on Wednesday in the occupied West Bank during clashes that broke out during an arrest raid, Palestinian officials said.

The Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group claimed him as one of its fighters, and said he died "performing his duty and carrying the banner of Jihad and resistance."

19 convicted in 2015 Paris attacks

Nine-month-long trial held for lone-survivor from IS team

ASSOCIATED PRESS
PARIS

A French court has found 19 men guilty of terrorism-related charges for the Islamic State terrorist attacks on the Bataclan theater, Paris cafes and France's national stadium in 2015.

The deadliest peacetime attacks in French history killed 130 people.

Presiding judge Jean-Louis Peries was rendering the verdict on Wednesday in a courthouse surrounded by unprecedented security, wrapping up an exceptional, nine-month trial.

The chief suspect, Salah Abdeslam, was found guilty of murder and attempted murder in relation with a terrorist enterprise, among other charges.

Seeking forgiveness

Over the course of an extraordinary nine-month trial, the lone survivor of the Islamic State extremist team that attacked Paris in 2015 has proclaimed his radicalism, wept, apologised to victims and pleaded with judges to forgive his "mistakes."

For months, the packed main chamber and 12 overflow rooms in the 13th century Justice Palace heard the harrowing accounts by the victims, along with testimony from Abdeslam. The other defendants are largely accused of helping with logistics or transportation. At least one is accused of a direct role in the deadly March 2016 attacks in Brussels, which also was claimed by the Islamic State group.

Philippines asks Ressa's news firm to shut shop

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MANILA

Philippine journalist Maria Ressa's news company Rappler was continuing to work "as usual", the Nobel Peace Prize winner said on Wednesday, after it was ordered to shut down by authorities ahead of President Rodrigo Duterte's last day in office.

Ms. Ressa has been a vocal critic of Mr. Duterte and the deadly drug war he launched in 2016, triggering what media advocates say is a grinding series of criminal charges, probes and online attacks against her and Rappler. The latest blow was delivered by the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission.

Rappler said the decision "effectively confirmed the shutdown" of the company and vowed to appeal. But Ms. Ressa was characteristically defiant, vowing the news site would continue to operate as they followed the legal process.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Name of the Work: **"Construction and widening of Concrete Road, Retaining Walls etc. in Harbour area"**. EMD cost : **Rs.58,24,041/-**. Last Date and time of submission of Bid : **05.07.2022 up to 17:15 Hrs**. For details please refer our website **www.paradipport.gov.in/https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**

Executive Engineer,
Harbour Works Division-I
Paradip Port Authority

PPA/PR/170/22-23, Dtd. 29.06.2022

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Tirunelveli (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 04 / 2022-2023 / D1 / Dated: 27.06.2022

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu sealed **Item rate tender** in Two cover system through online only will be received upto **03.08.2022 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), NABARD and Rural Roads, Tirunelveli** for the work of Formation of Bypass Road to Mudukulathur Town excluding land acquisition (Phase-I) for a length of 1.81 km vide G.O. (Ms) No.20 Highways and Minor Ports (HQ1) Department dated: 23.01.2020 pertaining to **Paramakudi (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Division.**

Details such as Name of work, approximate value of work, EMD, documents to be uploaded, critical dates and all other details related to the work will be available from **08.07.2022** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc related to this tender arises, it will be published on the above Government website only.

DIPR/3060/Tender/2022

sd/- M.S. Selvei,
Superintending Engineer (H),
NABARD and Rural Roads, Tirunelveli - 2

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INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Appointment of Global Management Consultant to Develop an Overall Strategy and Roadmap for Tamil Nadu to realize the Vision of USD 1 Trillion Economy

1. The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board invites proposal from consultants to Develop an Overall Strategy and Roadmap for Tamil Nadu to realize the Vision of USD 1 Trillion Economy.
2. Request for Proposal (RfP) may be downloaded from the website - **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** or may be obtained from the office of the CEO, TNIDB. Such downloaded tender document shall be accompanied by processing fee of Rs.10,000/- and Bid Security (EMD) of Rs.1,00,000/-.
3. A pre-bid meeting for the prospective applicants is scheduled on **18.07.2022 at 15:00 Hours.**
4. Proposals complete in all respect must be delivered in the office of Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board (TNIDB), 3rd floor, CMDA Building Tower-II, 'Thalamuthu-Natarajan Maaligai', No.1, Gandhi Irwin Road, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008 on or before **15.00 Hours on 29.08.2022.**
5. All other details are available in the Request for Proposal (RfP).

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Chief Executive Officer,
TNIDB

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Construction Organisation, Ernakulam Jn.

TENDER NOTICE No: CE-CN-ERS-SD-04-2022 dated 24.06.2022
Name of Work: Consultancy for Re-development of Chengannur Railway station .Tender Value : Rs 4400113/- Bid Security: Rs 88000/- :240 days. Pre-Bid Meeting:11.07.2022 **Date and time of tender closing: 27.07.2022, 15:00Hrs**

TENDER NOTICE No: CE-CN-ERS-SD-05-2022 dated 24.06.2022
Name of Work: Consultancy for Re-development of Thrissur Railway station .Tender Value : Rs 5063030/- Bid Security: Rs 101300/- Completion Period:240 days. Pre-Bid Meeting:11.07.2022 **Date and time of tender closing: 27.07.2022, 15:00Hrs**

TENDER NOTICE No: CE-CN-ERS-SD-06-2022 dated 21.06.2022
Name of Work: Project Management Services for Redevelopment of Kollam station.Tender Value :Rs 79501455/- Bid Security: Rs 547500/- Completion Period:63 Months. Pre-Bid Meeting:11/07/2022 **Date and time of tender closing: 05.08.2022, 15:00Hrs**

TENDER NOTICE No: CE-CN-ERS-SD-07-2022 dated 22.06.2022
Name of Work: Project Management Services for Redevelopment of Kanniyakumari station.Tender Value : Rs 26884517/- / Bid Security: Rs 284400 /- Completion Period:43 Months. Pre-Bid Meeting:12.07.2022. **Date and time of tender closing: 05.08.2022, 15:00Hrs**

TENDER NOTICE No: CE-CN-ERS-SD-08-2022 dated 22.06.2022
Name of Work: Project Management Services for Redevelopment of Ernakulam town station.Tender Value : Rs 72251445/- / Bid Security: Rs 511300 /- Completion Period:60 Months. Pre-Bid Meeting:12.07.2022. **Date and time of tender closing: 12.08.2022, 15:00Hrs**

TENDER NOTICE No: CE-CN-ERS-SD-09-2022 dated 23.06.2022
Name of Work: Project Management Services for Ernakulam Junction Station.Tender Value : Rs 53100297/- Bid Security: Rs 415500/- Completion Period:48 Months. Pre-Bid meeting:19.07.2022. **Date and time of tender closing: 13.08.2022, 15:00Hrs**

Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in.**

Chief Engineer/Construction, Ernakulam Jn.

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Invitation for Expression of interest for carrying out a study on the networking system of TP unit of KMML

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Limited, the flagship of PSU of Government of Kerala is the only manufacturer of Titanium Dioxide Pigment through chloride route in India. It is an integrated processing facility located at Chavara, Kollam district of Kerala involving mining and separation of mineral sand to manufacture of various grades of Titanium Dioxide and Titanium Sponge. Company's product range inter alia includes Titanium Tetra Chloride, Synthetic Rutile, Ilmenite, Natural Rutile, Zircon and Sillimanite. The company is having a Titanium Dioxide production capacity of 40000 TPA, which is on the process of expansion of 60000 TPA and further to 100000 TPA. KMML comprises basically of three-units Mineral Separation Unit, Titanium Dioxide Pigment Unit and Titanium Sponge Plant. Presently the company has a Local Area Network with Optical Fiber Cable as the backbone.

The company is interested in carrying out a study on the networking system of TP Unit in KMML and for furnishing a report on the most optimum solution to meet our service requirements and specifications. We wish to build a network structure with redundancy factor having the potential to handle the entire resources utilizing the bandwidth effectively.

The consultants having competence in providing such information may visit the company premises on working days between 9.00 hrs and 17.00 hrs (with prior permission from EDP department) and submit their proposal (providing details of the equipment with model) to the company clearly elaborating their expertise in the field. KMML will internally evaluate the proposals submitted and will shortlist the detailed technical proposal and the topology proposed by the suitable agencies for open e-tendering.

General instructions

- The agency should have minimum 5 years' experience in the field of network structuring.
- The profile of the consultants who are involved in the study should be clearly indicated.
- The approach to the study and the methodology should be precisely indicated.

KMML reserves the right to accept/reject any application received at its absolute discretion. Agencies who fulfill the requirement as indicated above may submit their expression of interest clearly furnishing all details mentioned above in sealed cover super scribing "Expression of Interest for carrying out a study on the networking system of KMML" in order to reach the General Manager (HR/EDP) of the company **on or before 30th July 2022**. You may please contact **dmedp@kmml.com** or 9496012619 for any further clarification in this regard.

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Tender Notice No: RWF/S/146/2022-23/04 Dated : 29.06.2022.

E-TENDER: On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager/RWF invites electronic tender for the following work through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in from experienced/reputed contractors in the respective field.

Tender No RWFSTPT_FA_ABOVE1000KMS		**Due Date & Time** 01/08/2022 at 14.15 hrs	
Scope of Work	Carriage of Railway Products i.e, Finished Axles from Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560064 to various Railway Consignees in India, by Road.		
Distance slab	Above 1000Kms(with a mean distance of 2500Kms).		
Quantity 10,500MT	**Estt.Tender Value** Rs.4,67,25,000/-	**EMD Amount**	Rs.3,83,600/-
Contract Period	12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance.		

PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIALS MANAGER

TENDER CUM AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES IN I.P NO. 25/2014 – INSOLVENCY OF ARJUNLAL SUNDERDAS (EXEMPTED FROM STAMP DUTY)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of vacant lands in the below mentioned survey numbers admeasuring 25.44 acres as found in the Tabular Column, at Chowkanthangal Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, within the limits of Sriperumbudur Sub Registrar's Office.

Sl. No.	Survey Nos.	Extent of land Ac/Cent	Sl. No.	Survey Nos.	Extent of land Ac/Cent
1.	299/1	2.34	24.	297/5	0.09
2.	300/2	0.71	25.	297/6	0.38
3.	300/6	0.69	26.	297/7	0.80
4.	301/1	0.19	27.	302/3	0.46
5.	301/2	0.54	28.	302/5	0.46
6.	301/3	0.53	29.	302/8	0.26
7.	301/6	1.16	30.	302/10	0.73
8.	301/7	0.49	31.	302/12	0.61
9.	301/8	0.46	32.	302/2	0.29
10.	301/9	0.23	33.	302/4	0.44
11.	301/10	0.21	34.	302/7	0.68
12.	301/11	0.24	35.	302/11	0.48
13.	301/12	0.23	36.	302/13	0.42
14.	301/13	0.46	37.	302/14	0.45
15.	301/14	0.29	38.	302/15	0.48
16.	301/15	0.35	39.	302/16	0.23
17.	301/16	0.47	40.	302/17	0.28
18. *	299/2	2.50	41.	302/18	0.40
19.	299/2	0.51	42.	302/19	0.52
20. *	302/9	0.71	43.	302/20	0.42
21.	297/1	1.12	44.	302/21	0.44
22.	297/2	0.98	45.	302/22	0.38
23.	297/3	0.33		**Total Extent:**	**25.44**

* These properties in Survey Nos.299/2 and 302/9 measuring an extent of 2.50 acres and 0.71 acres, respectively, included in the schedule of properties are the subject matter of O.S.No.478 of 2009 on the file of the District Munsif Court, Sriperumbudur, filed by a 3rd party against Thiru. R. Anbarasu in which the Official Assignee is not a party.

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED

UPSET PRICE:- Rs. 40,00,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Crores Only) (exclusive of TDS)

EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT:- Rs. 4,00,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crores Only)

Tender Forms along with EMD, by way of D.D / Pay Order / NEFT in favour of "THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE, HIGH COURT, MADRAS" payable at Chennai, should be dropped in the Drop Box kept in the office of the Official Assignee, High Court of Madras, Chennai, from 13.07.2022 till 20.07.2022, during office hours (except intervening Saturdays and Sundays).

The Earnest Money Deposit Amount will be refunded to all the unsuccessful bidders at the end of the tender-cum-auction sale.

Date and Time of Auction and Opening of Tenders:

21.07.2022 (Thursday) @ 4.00 p.m., by the Official Assignee in the presence and supervision of the Hon'ble Division Bench of the Madras High Court, in Court Hall No. 42, High Court of Madras.

Inspection of the Properties:

On 07.07.2022 & 08.07.2022 (Thursday & Friday) from 11.00 a.m to 2.00 p.m.,

Inspection of Documents:

On 11.07.2022 & 12.07.2022 (Monday & Tuesday) from 11.00 a.m to 3 p.m., in the Office of the Official Assignee, High Court, Madras.

For other Details, intending bidders may contact: The Section Officer (Property Section), Office of the Official Assignee, High Court, Madras – 600 104 Ph. No. 044-2530 1275 Email Id:- **oa.mhc@tn.gov.in** For property details and auction terms and conditions please visit the High Court's Website **http://www.hcmadras.tn.nic.in/tenders.html**

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V. DEVANATHAN
Official Assignee,
High Court, Madras.

'செலவை சுருக்கி வருவாயை பெருக்கி சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்.'

MARKET WATCH

	29-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	53,027	-0.28
US Dollar	79.03	-0.22
Gold	50,649	-0.23
Brent oil	117.71	0.12

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	677.80	-0.25
Apollo Hosp	3713.00	-124.35
Asian Paints	2697.80	-28.70
Axis Bank	625.55	-16.80
Bajaj Auto	3867.55	-21.45
Bajaj Finserv	11109.75	-254.70
Bajaj Finance	5512.80	-63.45
Bharti Airtel	687.80	6.65
BPCL	316.40	-2.20
Britannia Ind	3404.15	-30.55
Cipla	947.65	2.55
Coal India	188.75	2.35
Divis Lab	3583.35	-30.10
Dr Reddys Lab	4364.35	-10.25
Eicher Motors	2886.60	22.80
Grasim Ind	1323.25	-19.80
HCL Tech	987.55	-14.40
HDFC	2177.15	-3.70
HDFC Bank	1343.95	-1.95
HDFC Life	541.25	-24.70
Hero MotoCorp	2752.40	-14.30
Hindalco	344.15	0.60
Hind Unilever	2233.45	-84.20
ICICI Bank	702.75	-7.55
Indusind Bank	808.80	-7.80
Infosys	1463.25	-16.90
ITC	274.05	2.20
JSW Steel	576.05	-2.35
Kotak Bank	1642.45	-26.35
L&T	1547.90	-3.60
M&M	1111.75	-0.25
Maruti Suzuki	8508.90	19.20
Nestle India Ltd	17499.05	95.15
NTPC	141.75	3.15
ONGC	154.15	4.80
PowerGrid Corp	211.10	0.80
Reliance Ind	2580.15	52.45
SBI Life	1067.65	-10.40
State Bank	459.10	-5.15
Shree Cement	19384.10	147.20
Sun Pharma	838.70	10.10
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	720.00	-16.85
Tata Motors	416.95	-0.15
Tata Steel	881.60	2.70
TCS	3290.50	-27.65
Tech Mahindra	1021.10	0.40
Titan	1936.15	-31.90
UltraTech Cement	5618.30	45.55
UPL	644.40	-11.60
Wipro	420.75	-6.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 29

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	78.77	79.09
Euro	82.84	83.18
British Pound	95.67	96.09
Japanese Yen (100)	57.72	57.96
Chinese Yuan	11.77	11.82
Swiss Franc	82.87	83.21
Singapore Dollar	56.70	56.94
Canadian Dollar	61.25	61.52
Malaysian Ringgit	17.90	17.98
Australian Dollar	54.27	54.49

Source: Indian Bank

Steel prices likely to rise again from July 1: JSPL

NEW DELHI

Steel prices are expected to rise from July due to high input costs, JSPL MD V. R. Sharma told PTI.

Rupee weakens past 79 on dollar buying by FPIs, oil firms

Indian currency has weakened by about 6.3% versus U.S. dollar so far in 2022

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The rupee plunged to a new low past 79 against the dollar on persistent demand for the U.S. currency, from oil refiners needing to settle their rising crude import bills, and foreign portfolio investors who continue to withdraw capital from Indian equity and debt.

The rupee depreciated 18 paise to close at 79.03.

Slip sliding: Rising crude prices and the deteriorating trade balance have spurred the rupee's decline this year. •REUTERS

"The rupee has continued to move on the downhill journey since the beginning of the year, amid a backdrop of heavy foreign fund outflows from the domestic markets, strength in the safe-haven dollar towards two-decade highs, and firming crude oil prices," said Sugandha Sachdeva, VP - Commodity and Currency Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

The rupee has weakened by about 6.3% against the dollar since the beginning of 2022, she added.

"Even as the rupee holds a depreciation bias in the near term, we envisage that the rupee would manage to reverse some of the losses in the second half of the year," Ms. Sachdeva said. "Strong long-term fundamentals, political stability, and a large pile of forex reserves are likely to provide a cushion to the Indian rupee around the crucial 80 mark," she added.

"The Indian rupee has been adversely affected mainly by the FIIs pulling out funds from the equity market, rising crude prices, the deteriorating trade balance and dollar strengthening," analysts at Emkay Wealth Management wrote in a note.

Foreign institutional investors have sold local shares and bonds worth $29.7 billion so far in 2022.

UltraTech said to pay for Russian coal in Chinese yuan

Cement maker buying fuel worth 172.7 mn yuan from SUEK

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

India's biggest cement firm, UltraTech Cement is importing a cargo of Russian coal and paying using Chinese yuan, according to an Indian customs document seen by Reuters, a payment method that traders say could become more common.

UltraTech is bringing in 1,57,000 tonnes of coal from Russian producer SUEK that loaded on the bulk carrier MV Mangas from the Russian Far East port of Vanino, the document showed. It cites an invoice dated June 5 that values the cargo at 172.65 million yuan.

Two trade sources said the cargo's sale was arranged by SUEK's Dubai-based unit, adding that other companies have also placed orders for Russian coal using yuan payments.

The increasing use of the yuan to settle payments could help insulate Moscow from the effects of western sanctions imposed on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine and bolster Beijing's push to further internationalise the currency and chip away at the dominance of the U.S. dollar in global trade.

"This move is significant. I have never heard any Indian entity paying in yuan for international trade in the last 25 years of my career," said a Singapore-based currency trader. "This is basically circumventing the U.S. dollar," the trader added.

The sale highlights how India has retained trade ties with Russia for commodities such as oil and coal despite the western sanctions.

The Mangas is currently at anchor near the port of Kandla, according to ship-tracking data on Refinitiv Eikon.

Bajaj Electricals eyes growth via lighting merger

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Having become net debt-free as on March 31, 2022, Bajaj Electricals said it was preparing for 'aggressive growth' across businesses in a focused manner.

The company on Wednesday announced the formation of a unified lighting business segment – to be led by Rajesh Naik – with the merger of the consumer lighting and professional lighting businesses.

The company announced the appointment of Ravindra Singh Negi as chief operating officer (COO) of the consumer products business and Mr. Naik as the head of the lighting business. Both executives will report to executive director Anuj Poddar.

'GST hike for pumpsets will affect farm sector'

'Pumpsets already facing a slowdown'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

The increase in GST rates for pumpsets to 18% from 12%, as recommended by the GST Council, will hit the agriculture sector, said K.V. Karthik, president of Southern India Engineering Manufacturers' Association.

The average minimum cost of an agriculture pumpset is ₹40,000, excluding GST. With the increase in GST from 12% to 18%, a farmer, who is the customer of the pumpset, would have to pay ₹2,400 more only towards GST.

With this increase, the difference in cost between a branded pumpset and a locally-assembled one would widen and farmers would prefer to go for alternatives that would cost lower, he said. The assembled pumpsets would not have energy efficiency rating and increase in use of such pumpsets would indirectly result in electricity losses.

The steep 'hike' in the cost of pumpsets would hit agriculture. The sector had been facing a slowdown for the last six months and the GST rate increase would be another blow to the industry, Mr. Karthik added.

Tribeca plans 6 more Trump realty projects

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Tribeca Developers, the exclusive rights holder of the Trump Organization in India, said it is planning to ramp up construction of Trump Towers in India.

The firm is planning to add 5 to 6 more such luxury skyscrapers in various Indian cities before 2024, when former U.S. President Donald Trump may yet again venture a run for the White House.

Trump projects have now been planned in three cities in South India and three in western India. "In the last 12 years, we have made India the largest market for Trump branded products, second only to North America," said founder Kalpesh Mehta.

Job confidence in China lowest since 2009: PBOC

About 46% see situation 'grim' in Q2

REUTERS
BEIJING

A Chinese index of employment confidence dived in the second quarter to its lowest since the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009, a central bank survey showed on Wednesday, after tough COVID-19 curbs took a toll of the economy from April to June.

Almost 46% of Chinese households think the employment situation remains "grim" in the second quarter, urban depositors surveyed by the People's Bank of China (PBOC) said.

Another indicator of future expectation of employment also dropped to the worst level since 2009.

With the survey-based jobless rate in 31 big cities rising to a record of 6.9% in May, Premier Li Keqiang said China would strive to return the economy to a normal track and cut the jobless rate as soon as possible, state media reported on Tuesday.

An index of loan demand dropped to 56.6%, the lowest since the third quarter of 2016, with declines in the manufacturing, infrastructure, retail sales and property sectors.

'India to have 122 unicorns in 2-4 years'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

India will have 122 new unicorns in the next 2 to 4 years and these firms currently have a cumulative value of $49 billion, according to Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022.

Bengaluru alone would add 46 new unicorns, while Delhi NCR would get 25 new unicorns, Mumbai 16, Chennai 5, and Pune 3, while the rest are expected from 20 other cities, according to the unicorn index released by the Hurun Research Institute here on Wednesday.

Venture Capital firm Sequoia Capital had invested in 39 of these future unicorns, followed by Tiger Global, which holds stake in 27 of them.

'Talent mobility, emerging trend in jobs in India'

It helps expand horizons: Adecco

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

Talent mobility is set to emerge as a prominent trend as progressive organisations have started looking beyond the traditional linear career progression matrix, Adecco India, a workforce solutions provider, said on Wednesday.

'Moving talent'

HR managers are now busy creating pathways to bridge talent gaps within their organisations by moving talent from role to role, Adecco said.

"The trend has become prominent in India and in other labour markets, with sectors such as IT, healthcare, automotive, large retail conglomerates and logistics emerging as active players on the global mobility corridors," said CMD Vidya Sagar Gannamani.

"Talent mobility reduces silos by enabling a free flow of talent within the organisation and encourages managers and employees to expand their horizons," Mr. Gannamani explained.

In the current context, talent mobility was prevalent across hierarchies, functions, geographies and roles ranging from entry-level to CXOs, he observed.

SFL to invest ₹400 cr. over 2 years

'Auto segments may post double-digit growth in FY23'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Sundram Fasteners Ltd., a broad-based engineering company, has lined up fresh investments worth ₹400 crore over the next two years as its sees bright prospects for the Indian automobile sector during FY23.

Suresh Krishna

"After two years of sluggishness, India's automobile sector posted double-digit growth," said Suresh Krishna, chairman, while addressing the AGM.

"Q4 of FY22 for SFL was satisfactory. This year, Q1 is highly satisfactory.

"The auto-components sector, commercial vehicles, passenger vehicles, two-wheelers segment and exports are doing well. All segments in the automotive sector are expected to post a double-digit growth during FY23. SFL is also going to see a bright future during FY23," he added.

According to him, SFL proposes to make additional investments of ₹300 crore over the next two years in fasteners division for making fasteners for the wind segment. Besides, it also plans to invest more than ₹100 crore in the next two years in the defence sector to manufacture and supply value-added sub-assemblies.

While mentioning that there was a revival in demand, he said the powertrain components division in the Special Economic Zone had bagged contracts worth ₹150 crore for EV products.

SFL's Sri City unit had commenced the supply of products for hybrid/EV applications.

Further, the company is expected to sign contracts worth more than ₹200 crore for new EV products.

Suresh Krishna wants new tag for SBL stake

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Suresh Krishna, chairman of Sundram Fasteners Ltd., along with the various members of the 'SK Group,' have sought the reclassification of their shareholding in Sundaram Brake Linings Ltd. (SBL) from that of 'promoters and promoter group' to 'public.'

In a letter addressed to SBL's board, Mr. Krishna said the 'SK Group' held less than 10% of shares, does not exercise control over the affairs of the company, does not have any special rights nor held any key managerial positions in the company.

Ki Mobility eyes FY23 revenue of ₹1,800 crore

Company introduces super app

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Ki Mobility Solutions, the subsidiary of TVS Automobile Solutions Pvt. Ltd., has drawn up several digital initiatives to reach a turnover of ₹1,800 crore during FY23, according to managing director G. Srinivasa Raghavan.

"The Indian aftermarket industry is expected to grow in double digits from ₹64,000 crore to ₹87,000 crore by 2025," Mr. Raghavan told the media.

Going forward, the super app would also act as a platform for used car sales

"Besides, myTVS (an integrated multi-brand car service provider) being the industry leader in this segment, will grow above the industry growth."

On Wednesday, the company introduced a super app 'myTVS Life360' for all post-warranty passenger cars of above 4-metres offering an entire range of services for aftermarket needs from automotive to lifestyle products.

Going forward, the super app would also act as a platform for used car sales along with leasing options.

SPORT

Better retired than be an imposter: Morgan

Bows out as England's all-time leading run-scorer in ODIs, T20Is

CRICKET

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Eoin Morgan said extending his England career would have made him feel "an imposter" as the World Cup-winning captain retired from international cricket on Tuesday.

Morgan, who will continue to play domestic cricket, announced the end of his time as an international player at Lord's, the scene of England's 2019 50-over World Cup triumph.

The 35-year-old oversaw England's transformation from a side that suffered a woeful first-round exit at the 2015 World Cup to one-day kings four years later.

Dublin-born Morgan bows out as England's all-time leading run-scorer in ODIs and Twenty20s with 6,957 and 2,458 runs respectively. His 225 ODI appearances and 115 in T20Is are also England records.

Easy call: Neither the thought of one last England appearance or the prospect of staying on until the T20 World Cup held any appeal for Morgan. •REUTERS

But he has made just two fifties from his past 28 international innings across the two white-ball formats and was twice out for nought during England's recent ODI series away to the Netherlands.

He awoke in Amsterdam last Monday knowing his time as an England cricketer was up and missed the final match of the series with a groin injury.

Neither the thought of one last England appearance, or the prospect of staying on until the T20 World Cup in Australia later this year, held any appeal for Morgan.

"It goes against everything I stand for, I just would have felt like an imposter," he said, when asked about an England farewell appearance.

"I'm very happy with my decision. The day it hit me I was emotional, it was a difficult day, but since then I've been very content. I'd reached the end of the road. The World Cup is in October and the feeling that day, it felt a million miles away."

PCB to use only two or three venues

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has decided to use only two or three major venues for the seven-match T20I series against England, scheduled just before the World Cup in Australia.

According to a source in the Board, the PCB initially wanted to hold the matches at more venues, including smaller international ones like Faisalabad and Multan, but it has now dropped the plan.

He confirmed that a tentative draft of venues and dates had been sent to the ECB.

"Karachi and Lahore are the two main venues for the series and Rawalpindi has been added as a backup as well. "

Babar surpasses Kohli's T20I record

ICC RANKINGS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBAI

Pakistan captain Babar Azam has surpassed India's Virat Kohli in becoming the world No.1 T20I batter for the longest period of time after he maintained his top spot in the latest ICC T20 batting rankings.

Kohli was the No.1 ranked T20I batter for a total of 1,013 days during his reign last decade, but Babar has now surpassed this number following his long-standing stay at the top.

Among others, Ishan Kishan slipped two places but Deepak Hooda and Sanju Samson made huge gains.

Kishan slumped to number seven but Hooda, who smashed 47 in the first game and a maiden century in the second match galloped 414 places to 104th.

Samson was also rewarded for his knock of 77 as he reached the 144th spot in the batting chart.

Babar Azam. •FILE PHOTO

Ireland's Harry Tector gained a massive 55 places to reach 66th position among batters.

Narrow lead

In Test rankings, Joe Root hung on to his narrow lead as the top-ranked batter.

New Zealand batting pair of Daryl Mitchell and Tom Blundell have attained career-best positions as has England spinner Jack Leach, after superb performances in the third match of their ICC World Test Championship series in Leeds.

Mitchell and Blundell, who were involved in century partnerships in all three Tests of the series, are both in the top 20 now.

Mitchell advances four places to 12th position while Blundell's knocks of 55 and 88 not out have lifted him 11 slots to 20th position.

Jonny Bairstow advanced 20 places to 21st.

Stuart Broad (up one spot to 13th) and Jack Leach (up 13 places to 25th) are among the notable movers.

Shakib Al Hasan dropped a spot to third on the all-rounder rankings with R. Ashwin taking his place. Kyle Mayers jumped three places to eighth on the all-rounder rankings.

Rohit not yet ruled out of the Test, says Dravid

He is being monitored by medical team; announcement on stand-in-skipper via official channels, if required: India coach

INDIA IN ENGLAND

AMOL KARHADKAR

Head coach Rahul Dravid did not rule Rohit Sharma out of the series-deciding fifth Test versus England, starting in Birmingham on Friday. He said the announcement on the stand-in captain, if required, will be made through "official" channels.

"Rohit is being monitored by the medical team. He is not yet ruled out. Obviously, he needs to get the negative tests before being available. So, he will have a test tonight and one maybe tomorrow morning as well and then we will see," Dravid said during a virtual media interaction on Wednesday.

Will he, won't he? It remains to be seen if Bumrah will lead India in case Rohit misses out. • FILE PHOTO

In isolation

"It's up to the medical team and the sports science team to decide. I haven't had a chance to see him since he is in quarantine and isolation. We will keep monitoring the situation."

Rohit tested positive for COVID-19 during India's tour game versus Leicestershire last week and is in isolation. Should Rohit not be available for the Test match, Jasprit Bumrah is the front-runner to take charge in Rohit's absence. *The Hindu* understands that during India's training at Edgbaston, Dravid and Bumrah had a long discussion on a wooden bench. But Dravid was non-committal about spelling out the captaincy choice should the need arise.

"It is probably better if the communication comes from official sources. I am not sure where Chetan [Sharma, the chief selector] is, but once we have the exact clarity on Rohit, you will hear from the official sources. It's not for me to give out official communication," Dravid said.

While announcing the squad last month, the selection committee had nominated K.L. Rahul as the vice-captain.

No vice-captain

However, with Rahul having been injured since then, the team officially doesn't have a vice-captain, thus making Bumrah and Rishabh Pant captaincy candidates.

Mayank Agarwal has been flown in to England as a back-up opener.

But Dravid said the team has plenty of choices in Mayank, K.S. Bharat, the stand-in wicketkeeper who is a regular opener in domestic cricket, Cheteshwar Pujara and Hanuma Vihari.

The head coach also confirmed that veteran spinner R. Ashwin has fully recovered from COVID-19 and will be available for selection.

The fifth Test of the series had to be postponed after COVID-19 outbreak in India's camp last September. India leads the series 2-1.

'McCullum and Stokes a match made in heaven'

Malan says both of them play to win

S. DIPAK RAGAV

England batter Dawid Malan feels the home side will have an edge against India in the one-off Test that begins in Edgbaston on Friday as it has beaten New Zealand comprehensively.

"It definitely helps having played three Tests and given how they have played.

"They have been in Test mode. If they start well, they can catch India on the back foot as it has not played Tests for a long time," said Malan.

The 34-year-old said the new England set-up with Ben Stokes as captain and Brendon McCullum as coach has been captivating.

"Baz (McCullum) and Ben are a match made in heaven. They are similar characters who play to win and don't want to settle for a draw. The way the guys are expressing themselves is something Eoin (Morgan) got in white-ball cricket," said Malan.

Malan felt Stokes and Jasprit Bumrah could be the game-changers in the Test.

Getting well: McCullum and Stokes. • GETTY IMAGES

"Stokes, with bat, ball and leadership, has been so good to watch. The way he has played his cricket, he has dragged the other guys with him and will be a game-changer. For India, Bumrah has time and time again changed the game on its head with one spell," said Malan.

(Watch the fifth Test between England and India live on Sony Six from July 1 at 3.30 p.m.).

Backed Umran since he has pace: Hardik

India skipper explains the rationale behind the final-over choice in humdinger

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MALAHIDE

Express pace was the reason India skipper Hardik Pandya asked Umran Malik to bowl the final over of the second T20I against Ireland here.

"Not worried to be honest. Wanted to keep pressure out of my equation, wanted to be in the present.

"I backed Umran since he has pace. With his pace, it's difficult for people to hit," Hardik said.

"I think we've come to play a game of cricket, so Ireland were going to show us what they have. Credit to them, they played amazing shots. At the same point of time, credit to our bowlers to cross the line. The crowd was amazing. Their favourites boys were Dinesh and Sanju, great to see them enjoy them. Good for us to experience cricket in this part of the world too. Grateful to the fans," Hardik said.

Delivering the goods: Umran didn't disappoint captain Hardik as he held his nerve in a thrilling climax. • TWITTER/@BCCI

India-Ireland T20I series in numbers

	M	Runs	HS	SR	100s/50s
Hooda	2	151	**104**	175.58	1/0
Tector	2	103	**64***	168.85	0/1
Samson	1	77	**77**	183.33	0/1
Balbirnie	2	60	**60**	153.84	0/1

	M	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ
Young	2	**4**	2/18	13.25	8.83
Adair	2	**3**	3/42	18.66	9.33
Little	2	**3**	2/38	25.66	12.15
Bhuvneshwar	2	**2**	1/16	31.00	8.85

Formula E race to be held in Hyderabad next year

An FIA blue riband event returns to India after 2013

MOTORSPORTS

S. DIPAK RAGAV
CHENNAI

India will be back on the global motorsports map with the FIA Formula E race in Hyderabad on February 11, 2023. The calendar for the ninth season (2022-23) of the Formula E championship was approved by the FIA World Motor Sport Council on Wednesday, with Hyderabad set to host the fourth race after Mexico and a double-header in Saudi Arabia.

In January this year, the Telangana government and Formula E officials had signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) in Hyderabad to host the race in the city.

After hosting the Formula One race at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida from 2011 to 2013, this will be the second-biggest global World Championship event to be held in India.

Parading its presence: Mahindra Racing has been part of the Formula E series since 2014-15. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Formula E is an electric-powered single-seater championship that started in 2014 and was granted World Championship status by the FIA during its seventh year of running (2020-21 season).

India's Mahindra Racing has been part of Formula E since its inception. Karun Chandhok has been the only Indian driver to race in the competition, steering the wheel for the Indian outfit in the inaugural year.

Earlier this year, Formula E unveiled a new car called the Gen 3, the third generation of cars, for the next season.

Unlike Formula One, which is mostly run on purpose-built circuits, the Formula E races, termed E-Prix, are held on street circuits in some of the biggest cities in the world, promoting electric mobility and taking racing to the fans.

Bavuma out of England tour

Bavuma • PTI

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JOHANNESBURG

South Africa white-ball skipper and Test vice-captain Temba Bavuma has been ruled out of its tour of England which starts next month, Cricket South Africa said on Wednesday.

The Proteas will play three Tests, three ODIs and three T20Is against England as well as two T20Is against Ireland. While Dean Elgar will lead the Test team, left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj will captain the one-day team. David Miller will helm the T20I side.

Sindhu and Kashyap advance

MALAYSIA OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal suffered contrasting fates at the Malaysia Open Super 750 tournament with the former progressing to the second round and the latter bowing out after losing her opener here on Wednesday.

World No. 7 Sindhu dished out a fine performance to outwit Thailand's World No. 10 Pornpawee Chochuwong 21-13, 21-17, but World No. 24 Saina went down fighting against American Iris Wang, ranked 33rd, 11-21, 17-21 in 37 minutes.

P. Kashyap also made a positive return from injury as he won 21-12, 21-17 over Korea's Heo Kwang Hee to advance to the second round in men's singles.

In women's doubles, Japan's Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara proved too good for Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam, winning 21-11, 21-14.

The results (first round):
Men: P. Kashyap bt Heo Kwang Hee (Kor) 21-12, 21-17.
Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Pornpawee Chochuwong (Tha) 21-13, 21-17; Iris Wang (USA) bt Saina Nehwal 21-11, 21-17.
Doubles: Mayu Matsumoto & Wakana Nagahara (Jpn) bt Ashwini Bhat & Shikha Gautam 21-11, 21-14.
Mixed doubles: Robin Tabeling & Selena Piek (Ned) bt B. Sumeeth Reddy & Ashwini Ponnappa 21-15, 19-21, 21-17.

Lyon and Swepson spin out Lanka for 212

Australia 98 for three in reply

AUS IN SRI LANKA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
GALLE

Nathan Lyon took his 20th five-wicket haul to bowl Sri Lanka out for 212 before Australia reached 98 for three at stumps on Wednesday on the opening day of the first cricket Test.

Sri Lankan off-spinner Ramesh Mendis dismissed David Warner (25) lbw and had Marnus Labuschagne (13) caught by Asitha Fernando. Steven Smith was run out for six after a mix-up with Usman Khawaja, who refused to run after calling Smith for a single. Khawaja was batting on 47 with Travis Head on six at stumps.

Earlier, Lyon returned bowling figures of five for 90 and leg-spinner Mitchell Swepson had three for 55 to help Australia bowl Sri Lanka out for a modest score.

Lyon. • AFP

Niroshan Dickwella top scored for Sri Lanka with 58, his 21st Test half-century.

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka — 1st innings: Pathum Nissanka c Carey b Cummins 23, Dimuth Karunaratne c Warner b Lyon 28, Kusal Mendis c Carey b Starc 3, Angelo Mathews c Warner b Lyon 39, Dhananjaya de Silva c Carey b Swepson 14, Dinesh Chandimal c Warner b Swepson 0, Niroshan Dickwella c Carey b Lyon 58, Ramesh Mendis lbw b Lyon 22, Jeffrey Vandersay c Starc b Swepson 6, Lasith Embuldeniya c Khawaja b Lyon 6, Asitha Fernando (not out) 2; Extras (b-5, lb-6): 11; Total (in 59 overs): 212.

Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-42, 3-74, 4-97, 5-97, 6-139, 7-193, 8-198, 9-206.

Australia bowling: Starc 9-0-31-1, Cummins 12-4-25-1, Lyon 25-2-90-5, Swepson 13-0-55-3.

Australia — 1st innings: Usman Khawaja (batting) 47, David Warner lbw b R. Mendis 25, Marnus Labuschagne c Fernando b R. Mendis 13, Steve Smith run out 6, Travis Head (batting) 6; Extras (nb-1): 1; Total (for three wkts. in 25 overs): 98.

Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-75, 3-83.

Sri Lanka bowling: Fernando 1-0-9-0, Dhananjaya 3-0-4-0, Embuldeniya 7-0-39-0, R. Mendis 11-0-35-2, Vandersay 3-0-11-0.

Toss: Sri Lanka.

Djokovic cruises; Ruud, Kontaveit out

Local favourite Raducanu loses to Garcia in second round

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Defending champion Novak Djokovic reached the third round for the 16th time on Wednesday with a straight sets win over Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis even as the men's third seed Casper Ruud, women's second seed Anett Kontaveit and U.S. Open champion Emma Raducanu crashed out in the second round of The Championships.

Djokovic eased past his 79th-ranked opponent 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

French Open runner-up Casper Ruud, bidding to become the first Norwegian since 1962 to reach the last 32 at Wimbledon, lost 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4 to Ugo Humbert of France.

Women's second seed Anett Kontaveit went down 4-6, 0-6 to Germany's Julie Niemeier. The Estonian has never reached the fourth round at the All England Club in her eight appearances so far.

Raducanu lost her second-round match to Caroline Garcia 3-6, 3-6 much to the disappointment of the home crowd.

The 10th seed, who was troubled by a side strain in the run-up to the tournament, was broken five times in the match by her French opponent, ranked 55th in the world.

Garcia, fresh from winning on grass at Bad Homberg, hit 25 winners in an impressive display.

I did it! Niemeier put it across second seed Kontaveit. • AFP

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Second round: Men: 1-Djokovic (Srb) bt Kokkinakis (Aus) 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; Humbert (Fra) bt 3-Ruud (Nor) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4; Goffin (Bel) bt 31-Baez (Arg) 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; 22-Basilashvili (Geo) bt Halys (Fra) 7-6(7), 0-6, 7-5, 7-6(5); 9-Norrie (GBr) bt Munar (Esp) 6-4, 3-6, 5-7, 6-0, 6-2; 10-Sinner (Ita) bt Ymer (Swe) 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.
Women: 5-Sakkari (Gre) bt Tomova (Bul) 6-4, 6-3; Garcia (Fra) bt 10-Raducanu (GBr) 6-3, 6-3; 8-Pegula (USA) bt Vekic (Cro) 6-3, 7-6(2); 33-Shuai (Chn) bt Kostyuk (Ukr) 7-6(6), 6-2; 12-Ostapenko (Lat) bt Wickmayer (Bel) 6-2, 6-2; Tsurenko (Ukr) bt 29-Kalinina (Ukr) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Niemeier (Ger) bt 2-Kontaveit (Est) 6-4, 6-0; 15-Kerber (Ger) bt Linette (Pol) 6-3, 6-3; Maria (Ger) bt 26-Cirstea (Rou) 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.
First round: Minnen (Bel) bt 9-Muguruza (Esp) 6-4, 6-0; 6-Pliskova (Cze) bt Martincova (Cze) 7-6(1), 7-5.
On Tuesday: Women: First round: Tan (Fra) bt Serena (USA) 7-5, 1-6, 7-6(7).

Fallen seeds

- *Men:* 3-Ruud; 31-Baez
- *Women:* 2-Kontaveit; 9-Muguruza; 10-Raducanu; 26-Cirstea; 29-Kalinina

Serena brushes off retirement talk

'Motivated to play at the U.S. Open'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Serena Williams brushed off any talk of retirement on Tuesday by insisting that she is "motivated" to play at the U.S. Open later this year despite a shattering Wimbledon defeat.

"The U.S. Open was the place where I won my first Slam, it's super-special. There's definitely a lot of motivation to get better and play at home," the 40-year-old American said.

Serena was speaking after losing her first singles match for a year when she went down 7-5, 1-6, 7-6(10-7) to unseeded Harmony Tan, the World No. 115, in the opening round.

The 23-time Major winner, who debuted at the All England Club in 1998, refused to speculate on whether or not she will be back at Wimbledon in 2023.

"I am just playing for right now. I see how I feel and go from there. Who knows where I will pop up."

Twelve months ago, Serena quit her Wimbledon first-round match in tears after suffering an injury and she had not played singles tennis since until Tuesday.

Doubts had been growing about whether the former World No. 1 – who has slumped to 1,204th in the rankings after her period of inaction – would return to the sport. But she warmed up by teaming up with Ons Jabeur in the doubles at Eastbourne last week.

Serena won the last of her seven Wimbledon singles titles six years ago but reached the final in 2018 and 2019. The American remains stuck on 23 Grand Slam singles titles – one short of Margaret Court's all-time record.

Wait and watch: Serena refused to speculate on whether or not she will be back at Wimbledon next year. • AP

LIVE TELECAST

Badminton: Malaysia Open, Sports-18 -1 & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m.
Sri Lanka vs Australia: 1st Test, day 2, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10 a.m.
TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
The Championships 2022: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3.30 p.m. onwards

IN BRIEF

Andy Murray to play Laver Cup in London

WIMBLEDON

Three-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray will play alongside Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer at the Laver Cup in London in September. Murray will be making his debut at the competition, which is played in a Europe vs. World format and does not award ATP ranking points. AP

Red Bull's reserve driver fired for using racial slur

MILTON KEYNES

Red Bull terminated the contract of Formula One test and reserve driver Juri Vips for using a racial slur during an online gaming stream. The 21-year-old Estonian, who has three podium finishes this season for the Hitech Grand Prix team in the F2 championship, was suspended last week. He has apologised for his actions. AP

Last FIFA WC tickets to go on sale next week

DOHA

The remaining tickets for this year's World Cup in Qatar will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from next week, FIFA said on Wednesday. The latest tickets will go on sale online from July 5 at 0900 GMT until 0990 GMT on August 16, FIFA said in a press release. AFP

KSCA plans new T20 tournament

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Cricket Association is set to replace the now-defunct Karnataka Premier League T20 cricket tournament with a fresh competition this year. The KPL was last held in 2019 before a match-fixing and betting scandal grounded it.

The KSCA intends to hold the new six-team tournament from August 15 to 31 at three venues - Bengaluru, Hubballi and Mysuru. On Wednesday, the Association floated an Expression of Interest (EOI) document for team sponsorship and naming rights for the outfits set to be based in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Shivamogga, Hubballi / Dharwad, Raichur and Mangaluru.

Vinay Mruthyunjaya, Treasurer & official spokesperson, KSCA stated that further details about the tournament would be shared in the second week of July. EOI documents are to be returned by prospective owners by July 5.

Neeraj eyes a Diamond League medal

Prestigious one-day meet will be his biggest event ahead of World Championships in Eugene, USA

ATHLETICS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
STOCKHOLM

Buoyed by a strong start to the season, Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra is primed to clinch his maiden Diamond League medal in his first appearance in four years in the prestigious one-day meet here on Thursday.

The 24-year-old Neeraj was second in the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku with a big national record throw of 89.30m before winning his event at Kuortane Games with a 86.60m effort.

Aiming high: Neeraj, who won at the Kuortane Games recently, would look to clinch a maiden medal in the Diamond League. • FILE PHOTO

Lucky escape

Both the events in Finland had strong fields, though the Turku line-up had more stars than at Kuortane, where Chopra slipped in his third attempt under slippery conditions due to rains. Luckily, he was up on his feet immediately and won the event without any injury.

"We started training in December. I needed to get fit again as my weight had also increased after the Tokyo Games," Neeraj said.

This will be Neeraj's first competition in a Diamond League meet after his fourth-place finish in Zurich in August 2018 with an effort of 85.73m. He has taken part in seven Diamond League meets but is yet to win a medal. He had two fourth-place finishes, the other one being in Doha in May 2018.

The prestigious one-day meet at the Swedish capital will be Neeraj's biggest event ahead of the World Championships in Eugene, USA, next month.

Germany's Johannes Vetter is not fully fit and also did not take part in the German nationals. The Indian has beaten reigning world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada twice this month. Peters' fitness could, however, be a concern.

Olympic silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic and compatriot Tokyo Games bronze winner Vitezslav Vesely will also be in action. This is the first time all the Tokyo Olympics medal winners will be in action together this season.

Poovamma suspended for three months

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

The National Anti-Doping Agency has suspended multiple Asian Games relay gold medallist M.R. Poovamma for failing a dope test in the Indian GP at Patiala in February 2021.

Poovamma was a member of the gold-winning 4x400m women's and mixed relay teams in the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games and also part of the squad that won the women's relay gold at the 2014 Incheon Asiad where she also took the bronze in the individual 400m.

Three-month ban

The 32-year-old quarter-miler, who tested positive for a stimulant methylhexaneamine at the Indian GP on February 18 last year, has been banned for three months.

Adille Sumariwalla, the president of the Athletics Federation of India, said that the suspension order came about a week ago.

M.R. Poovamma. • FILE PHOTO

The first sign that Poovamma was in some sort of trouble came a few weeks before the Tokyo Olympics when she skipped the relay trials in Patiala and left the national camp suddenly in July last year.

She had clocked a season-best time of 52.44s in the Indian GP in Thiruvananthapuram in March this year and had also run in the Federation Cup in Malappuram in April.

National Games in Sept.-Oct.: IOA

To be held in multiple cities in Gujarat

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Postponed several times due to different reasons, the National Games will be held in multiple cities in Gujarat in September-October this year, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) secretary general Rajiv Mehta told PTI on Wednesday.

The IOA took the decision after Gujarat Olympic Association and the state government jointly expressed their interest to host the Games.

"The Gujarat government wrote to us that it backs the expression of interest of the state Olympic Association to host the Games and we are happy to accept their proposal," Mehta told PTI.

"The Games will be held in five or six cities in Gujarat, including Ahmedabad in September-October. The exact dates will be announced after a few days. We are happy that the Games will be held after a lot of delay," he added.

Mehta said the IOA top brass took the decision in "quick time" because it wanted to stage the Games this year after multiple delays. "The top brass has the power to take the decision and take approval of general house of the IOA later. In any case, we have taken approval of many NSFs and state bodies via email.

"We are also going to call a General Body Meeting to ratify some important decisions as well as the hosting of National Games. We are going to approach Delhi High Court and Supreme Court (where cases involving IOA are pending) to allow us to call a GBM," Mehta said.

Bopanna sees 'no point' playing at Wimbledon

Names Djokovic as the favourite to win the tournament this time

TENNIS

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

It is strange not to see Rohan Bopanna's name in the doubles draw of a Grand Slam. Especially so in Wimbledon, as his big game thrives on grass and in the electrifying atmosphere.

This time around, Bopanna decided that there was "no point" trying to compete in Wimbledon!

"First, there are no ATP points this time. Second, I had already played good 10 weeks, and pushed myself hard. So, I decided to take three weeks break at this stage, after playing the Queen's Club tournament.

Toll on the body

"I know how much toll it takes on the body, playing best of five sets, particularly on grass, because of the unpredictable and low bounce," said the 42-year-old Bopanna, when queried on the subject.

Taking a break: Bopanna, after playing in the last 49 Grand Slams from 2010, has skipped one for the first time. • FILE PHOTO

Rafael Nadal may be the "dangerous" according to Bopanna, but he had no hesitation in naming Novak Djokovic as the favourite to win Wimbledon this time. His friend and doubles partner Denis Shapovalov may be "a bit low on confidence", but pulled off a thriller in the first round in five sets.

Series of tournaments

Once he gets back to the circuit, there will be a series of tournaments for Bopanna, leading up to the Davis Cup against Norway. "I will be playing some tournaments which I usually skip. It is going to be another stretch of about 10 weeks, till Davis Cup," said Bopanna.

Bopanna is only upset that being away from a Grand Slam robs him of the chance to watch the matches that he loves to see.

"I wanted to watch Nick Kyrgios in the fifth set, but that match was not being shown here. That is the only disadvantage," said Bopanna.

With his rank at No.22, Bopanna said that he and Matwe Middelkoop would "try and make it to the year end Masters for the top-eight teams".

After competing in the last 49 Grand Slams from 2010, right through the pandemic, Bopanna has skipped one for the first time.

He has competed in 55 Grand Slams in all, and looks good for many more. He hopes to return to the circuit and sustain the high quality fare.

Yuki-Saketh combine in last eight

SPORTS BUREAU

Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni beat Evgeny Donskoy and Andrey Kuznetsov 6-3, 7-6(4) in the doubles pre-quarterfinals of the €45,730 Challenger tennis tournament in Malaga, Spain on Wednesday.

In the $100,000 ITF women's event in the US, Prarthana Thombare and Joanne Zuger outclassed Victoria Osuigwe and Kariann Pierre-Louis 6-1, 6-0 in the pre-quarterfinals.

Other results: $15,000 ITF, Monastir, Tunisia: Men: First round: Robin Bertrand (Fra) bt Karan Singh 6-3, 7-5.
Women: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Giuliana Bestetti & Carola Cavelli (Ita) bt Emma Van Poppel (Ned) & Bhuvana Kalva 7-6(5), 6-4; Alisha Reayer (GBr) & Jennifer Luikham bt Yassamine Boudjadi (Alg) & Beatrice Laura Pirtac (Irl) 6-2, 6-2.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Aakash and Trupti triumph

K.J. Aakash and Trupti Purohit emerged the boys' and girls' under-19 singles winners respectively at the Karnataka State-ranking table tennis tournament. While Aakash defeated P.V. Srikanth Kashyap 11-5, 11-8, 10-12, 11-7, 11-7 in the final, Trupti beat Sahana H.Murthy 3-11, 11-6, 11-8, 9-11, 11-7, 11-6.

State-ranking badminton tournament from tomorrow

The Karnataka Badminton Association will conduct a State-ranking tournament for under-19 and senior boys and girls from July 1 to 5 at its premises.

Abhirami slots in seven goals

Abhirami Vadivel scored seven times as Legends De Sporting Bangalore thrashed GRK Glittering Stars FC 11-0 in the KSFA Women's B-division league, on Wednesday.

The results: FCBU 3 (T. Charisma Lois 18, 36, J. Trisha 38) bt Bangalore Catholic FC 0; Legends De Sporting Bangalore 11 (Ankita Sharma 3, Abhirami Vadivel 12, 15, 17, 26, 27, 35, 37, Lavanya 13, 28, D. Swetha 38) bt GRK Glittering Stars FC 0; Wings Baldwin Internationals 1 (Micheal Martina 19) drew with Alchemy International FC 1 (R. Angel 25); Technico Football 1 (Netravathi Sharma (OG) 22) drew with Young Star FC 1 (Michelle Davidson 9).

Young champs: K.J. Aakash and Trupti Purohit with their reward. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Augustine and Bhutia extend stay at BFC

Winger Leon Augustine and wing-back Namgyal Bhutia signed extensions on their existing contracts with Bengaluru FC, the club announced on Tuesday. While Leon penned a new two-year deal, Bhutia will remain a BFC player until the end of the 2025-26 season.

St. Joseph's emerges Subroto Cup regional winner

St. Joseph's Boys High School will represent Karnataka in the Subroto Cup to be held in Kolkata in July after emerging the regional winner here on Tuesday. In the final SJBHS edged Greenwood Sarjapur 3-2 to book its place in the National round.

The results: Final: SJBHS 3 (Ajay Arjun 30+3, Liyan Thanveer 40, Goutham Paul 70) bt Greenwood Sarjapur 2 (Noel Savio John 1, Animesh Nandi 9).

Semifinals: SJBHS 4 (Kanika Anil 15, Liyan Thanvver 41, 53, 55) bt Greenwood Bannerghatta 1 (M. Shreyes 45); Greenwood Sarjapur 1 (Siddarth 48) bt Bishop Cotton BHS 0.

Beijing Bites in final

Beijing Bites defeated Smashing Squashers 4-1 to enter the final of the Bangalore Squash League.

Team Formidables in lead

Team Formidables was in the lead in the Gold event with 108.56 victory points at the end of the second day of the Tolani Summer National bridge championship being held here. Team VEDIC is in second position on 92.08 points, followed by Team Samadhan on 84.07.

Chawla overcomes Rayaan's challenge

SNOOKER

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Kamal Chawla (Railways) defeated Rayaan Razmi (Maharashtra) 31-67, 112-3, 88-3, 62-32, 47-77, 83-16 in a Group-D match of the ₹6.4 lakh-NSCI all-India snooker open Baulkline 2022 on Wednesday.

Other results:

Group-A: Ishpreet Singh Chadha (Mah) bt Sparsh Pherwani (Mah) 34-91, 89-28, 108 (95)-0, 73-46, 71(58)-1, 58-42, 105(71)-0; Mahesh Jagdale (Mah) bt Ranveer Singh (Guj) 75-60, 32-52, 42-60, 63-16, 17-49, 52-41, 85-0; Sparsh Pherwani (Mah) bt Ranveer Singh (Guj) 67-39, 66-58, 77-37, 65-17.

Group-C: Manan Chandra (PSPB) bt Rahul Sachdev (Mah) 123(104)-0, 68-5, 92(78)-2, 50-85, 60-14; Rajat Kaneja (Chd) bt Sumit Talwar (Chd) 66-0, 25-60, 61(35)-43, 81-41, 27-65, 48-60, 66(40)-41.

Group-D: Kamal Chawla (Rlys) bt Shivam Arora (Bih) 58-38, 59(33)-52, 136(136)-0, 69-31;

Group-E: Sourav Kothari (PSPB) bt K. Venkatesham (Rlys) 69-44, 49-60, 67-24, 39-57, 57-30, 30-62, 77-28; Kothari bt Vijay Nichani (TN) 17-67, 120(100)-16, 59-58, 72-18, 36-74, 75-9.

Group-F: Hasan Badami (Mah) bt Shahbaz Khan (Mah) 51-40, 89(70)-1, 62-52, 9-86, 48-66, 70-65; Badami bt Shahbaz Adil Khan (Mah) 10-74(38), 53-29, 70-24, 70-33, 62-52; Kreishh Gurbaxani (Mah) bt Shahbaz Adil 69(52)-42, 69(49)-12, 104 (104)-32, 70(50)-44, 67(41)-54, 71-1.

Group-G: Pushpender Singh (Rlys) bt Abhishek Bajaj (Mah) 85(76)-18, 66-23, 93-19, 18-60, 87(86)-34.

Simranjit, Ananta enter quarterfinals

BOXING

SPORTS BUREAU

Olympian Simranjit Kaur and Thailand Open gold medallist Ananta Chopade recorded wins to reach the quarterfinals of the inaugural Elorda Cup boxing tournament in Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan) on Wednesday.

Simranjit, a 2018 World championships bronze medallist, defeated experienced Kazakh boxer Nazym Ischanova 5-0 in a women's 60kg first round match.

Chopade warded off a strong challenge from promising Mongolian Dorjnyambuu Ganbold to post a 3-2 win in a men's 54kg contest.

Simranjit will meet China's Xu Zichun, while Chopade will take on Kazakhstan's Altynbek Nursultan in the quarterfinals.

Three other Indians lost their opening round matches of the tournament, which would offer $700, $400 and $200 to gold, silver, and bronze medal winners respectively.

The results: Pre-quarterfinals: Men: 54kg: Ananta Chopade bt Dorjnyambuu Ganbold (Mgl) 3-2; **60kg:** Muhammed Etash Khan lost to Samchuk Vassily (Kaz) 5-0; **63.5kg:** Kaisham Johnson Singh lost to Bazarbai Uulu Mukhammedsabyr (Kaz) 5-0; **+92kg:** Manjeet Singh lost to Saparbay Nurlan (Kaz) 5-0.
Women: 60kg: Simranjit Kaur bt Nazym Ischanova (Kaz) 5-0.

Swiatek to host charity event

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WIMBLEDON

Top-ranked Iga Swiatek will host a charity tennis event next month in her home country of Poland to raise funds for children and teenagers impacted by the war in Ukraine.

The event in Krakow on July 23 will feature a mixed doubles exhibition match and Ukraine soccer great Andriy Shevchenko will be a special guest.

Elina Svitolina of Ukraine will serve as umpire for the event. They hope to sell at least 10,000 tickets.

'There is more creativity in chess than ever before'

Carlsen, Caruana, and Jobava among world's most creative players, says Anand

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

Watching chess players pore over millions of moves on a computer, one would tend to think that the excitement of thinking out new, creative moves has come down in the 64-square game. Everything is already there on the computer!

Five-time World champion, Viswanathan Anand, shared his views on many aspects of chess in a chat with *The Hindu* here on Wednesday. *Excerpts:*

So, has modern-day chess lost some of its creativity and innovation?

"No. I won't say creativity and innovation have changed, where you find them has changed. "Once upon a time, creativity and innovation were based entirely on what I came up with. Now, sometimes, it's not what I come up with, it's what the computer comes up with and if I can understand the entire explanation.

Anand says innovation in chess hasn't come down . • R.K. NITHIN

"Most players do not understand the answers at first. They need to think about the answer. In a sense, creativity has never been higher but it's not the creativity we had 20 or 30 years ago. So, how it's coming is changing but there is even more creativity and innovation than ever before."

So who is currently the most creative player?

"I believe (World champion Magnus) Carlsen is very creative, constantly experimenting with new ideas. (Fabiano) Caruana is very creative in his investigations, then you have people like (Baadur) Jobava who try to be creative almost in a rebellious way, saying I don't care about the computer I'm going to do my thing," said Anand who was in Kochi for a promotion event, organised by Chess Association Kerala, for next month's Chess Olympiad in Chennai.

Will Carlsen or someone like Frenchman Alireza Firouzja break into the 2900-rating?

"One day it will happen but it will happen by inflation. Certainly Magnus has set his targets on 2900, let's see if he can manage it. Alireza... the expectation is he will go very far. Long term, there are very few people who will bet against him."

Do we have someone like that in India?

Right now, there are four or five. Arjun (Erigaisi) and Gukesh, I'm simply going by Elo rating, they are close to 2700, both are top 50 and that's fantastic. Then, there's Praggnanandhaa. He played a lot of rapid and blitz so he could not get on the same ranking list but he's beating Carlsen, Ding, he's beating the world's best and quite often. So, I would move him into this top group," said Anand.

"Nihal (Sareen), belongs there but right now he's having a choppy patch. It's only a matter of time and he will climb again."